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OF THE

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OF THE

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM

OF

PENNSYLVANIA

AND

THE ADJACENT STATES.

CONVENED IN ZION'S CHURCH,

AT

HARRISBURG, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PA.,

DURING

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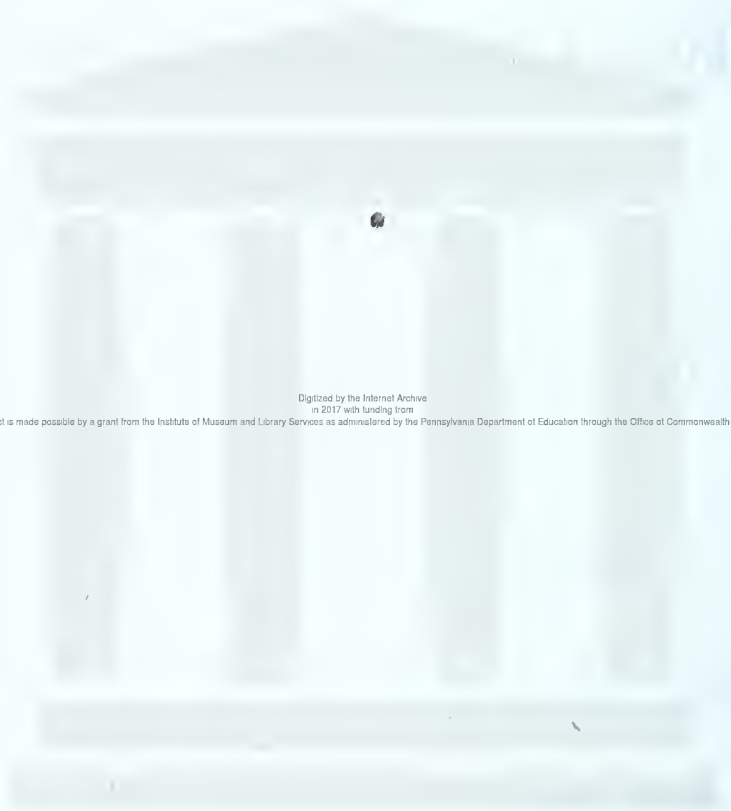

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MINUTES.

In accordance with a resolution of the last annual Synod, the members of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States," assembled in Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pa., on Saturday, June 2d, A. D. 1855.

The Brethren met with a fraternal reception from Rev. C. A. Hay, pastor loci, and his charge; likewise, from the German Ev. Lutheran St. Michael's congregation.

In the evening, Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg preached in Zion's church, in the English language, from Exodus III: 14.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

The Ministers and Lay-delegates convened in the residence of the pastor loci, and proceeded in a body to St. Michael's church, where the principal morning services were held.

The Synodical Sermon was delivered in the German language by Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D., President of the Ministerium, from John VI: 68, 69. The Brethren afterwards united in the celebration of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In the afternoon, in the same church, Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Secretary of the Ministerium, preached in the German language, from 1. Cor. IV: 2.

In the evening, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Treasurer of the Ministerium, preached in Zion's church, in the English language, from Luke XIV: 47, 48.

In Zion's church, Rev. J. L. Schock, Delegate of the New York Synod, preached in the morning, on John XVI: 33; in the afternoon, Rev. W. A. Passavant addressed the children of the Sunday-School.

In the evening, Rev. W. J. Mann preached in St. Michael's church, in the German language, from Genesis XLI: 9.

SYNODICAL BUSINESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday, June 4th, 1855.

The members of the Ministerium, together with the Lay-delegates, convened at 9 o'clock, A. M., in Zion's church, for the transaction of business. The Rev. President of the Ministerium, took the chair, and opened the Session by reading the appropriate Liturgical formula. The roll was then called, and the following Ministers being present took their seats, according to our established custom. Thereupon, the following Lay-delegates presented their credentials, and were duly admitted to seats and votes in the Synod.

Names of Ministers.	Residence.	Names of Lay-Delegates.
Rev. *W. Bætis*, Sen. Min.,	Lancaster,	
" *J. C. Baker*, D. D.,	Philadelphia,	
" *J. J. Strein*,	Lancaster,	
" *F. W. Geissenhainer*,	New York,	
" *H. G. Stecher*,	Hummelstown,	
" *B. Keller*,		Christian Fœll.
" *C. R. Demme*, D.D., }	Philadelphia,	John U. Kuemmerlen
" *W. J. Mann*, }		
" *E. Peixoto*,	Tylersport,	Benjamin Johnson, Jr.
" *W. J. Eyer*,	Cattawissa,	John Hartman.
" *J. Stein*,	Jonestown,	
" *Isaiah Bahl*,	Berwick,	
" *H. S. Miller*,	Lebanon,	Samuel Reinœhl.
" *Jacob Medtart*,	Blue Bell,	
" *C. F. Schæffer*, D. D.,	Easton,	Peter Seibert.
" *Isaac Rœller*,	Kutztown,	
" *J. Albert*,	Stone Church,	
" *John N. Hoffman*,	Reading,	Dr. H. H. Muhlenberg.
" *C. W. Schæffer*,	Germantown,	
" *L. G. Eggers*,	Stauchstown,	George Scharf.
" *G. M. Merz*,	Chambersburg,	
" *G. W. Mennig*,	Pottsville,	George Rischel.
" *C. F. Stœver*,	Mechanicsburg,	
" *A. T. Geissenhainer*,	Trenton, N. J.,	C. J. Ihrie.
" *C. A. Hay*,	Harrisburg,	Valentine Hummel, Jr.
" *G. W. Laitzle*,	Elizabethtown,	Christian Foltz.
" *B. M. Schmucker*,	Allentown,	
" *F. A. M. Keller*,	Reading,	N. M. Eisenhauer.
" *E. A. Bauer*,	Lehighton,	
" *John Kohler*,	New Holland,	John Schweigert.
" *C. Rees*,	Brickersville,	Samuel Hacker.
" *Nathan Jæger*,	New Hanover,	Jacob Gottschall.
" *J. C. Schmidt*,	Bernville,	Franklin V. Wagner.
" *Aug. Bergner*,	Greenbriar,	
" *William Heilig*,	Middletown,	Henry Schroll.
" *F. Walz*,	Berrysburg,	Christian Urich.
" *W. Weaver*,	Phœnixville,	John Wagoner.
" *C. M. Jæger*,	Reading,	
" *S. K. Brobst*,	Allentown,	
" *G. F. Miller*,	Pottstown,	
" *G. F. Krotel*,	Lancaster,	C. Hager.
" *R. S. Wagner*,	Reading,	
" *J. H. Menges*,	Columbia,	H. C. Von Der Smith.
" *Julius Ehrhard*,	Schuylkill Haven,	Abraham Boyer.
" *S. R. Boyer*,	McEwensville,	George P. Kamp.
" *John Weinman*,	Baltimore, Md.,	
" *A. S. Link*,	Trappe,	Samuel G. Fry.
" *John S. Crumbach*,	Lancaster,	G. M. Zahm.
" *Benj. W. Schmauk*,	Lancaster,	Jacob Gruel.
" *Geo. F. Gærtner*,	Manayunk,	
" *George Hains*,	Hummelstown,	George T. Hummel.
" *J. J. Reimensnyder*,	Milton,	

Names of Ministers.	Residence	Names of Lay-Delegates.
Rev. Prof. *F. A. Muhlenberg*	Gettysburg,	
" *Ernst Luebkert*,		
" *John W. Hossler*,	Rhinebeck, N. Y.,	
" *E. A. Scharretts*,	Bloomsburg,	M. F. Eyerly.
Congregations from	Shupps's, Swatara & Wennerich's,	Benjamin Zarger.
" "	Meyerstown,	Leonard Immel.
" "	Palmyra,	Joseph Lauck.
St. Michael's of	Harrisburg,	Samuel Wertz.
Congregation at	Mount Joy,	Jacob Sauders.

The following Applicants were, after examination, admitted as Candidates:

Mr. *Charles A. Bær*,	Lancaster,	
" *Ferdin. Berkemeyer*,	Sægersville,	
" *William Dærnbach*,	New Germany, N. J.,	
" *Henry Vosseler*,	Harrisburg,	
" *J. H. C. Schierenbeck*,	Birmingham,	

The following Brethren were absent:

Rev. *S. Trumbauer*,	Leacock,	excused.
" *G. A. Reichert*,	Kittanning,	"
" *S. A. Mealy*,	Canton, Ohio,	"
" *G. F. J. Jæger*,	Hamburg,	"
" *C. P. Miller*,	Bucksville,	"
" *W. B. Kæmmerer*,	Richlandtown,	"
" *Joshua Jæger*,	Allentown,	"
" *G. Schultze*,	Williamsport,	
" *Jeremiah Schindel*,	South Whitehall,	"
" *C. F. Welden*,	Bethlehem,	"
" *Andrew Fuchs*,	Bath,	"
" *J. F. Wilken*,	Wartburg, Tenn.,	"
" *J. W. Vogelbach*,	Allentown,	"
" *A. G. Georgii*,		"
" *C. F. Sallman*,	Conyngham,	"
" *C. L. Erle*,	Cherry,	"
" *G. A. Wenzel*,	Philadelphia,	"
" *H. Garlichs*,	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	"
" *C. G. A. Neuman*,	Upper Mahantongo,	"
" *Christian Popp*,		"
" *William Gerhardt*,		"
" *Martin Sondhaus*,		
" *L. Heydenreich*,	Bethlehem,	"
" *Daniel Meyer*,		
" *T. T. Jæger*,		"
" *J. Clemens Miller*,	St. Louis,	"
" *G. A. Hinterleitner*,	Kutztown,	"
" *J. F. Hornberger*,	Long Valley,	"
" *J. J. Simon*,		
" *A. Rueter*,	Orwigsburg,	"
" *William Rath*,	Cherryville,	"
" *Frederick Merbitz*,	Nauvoo,	"

Delegates from other Synods:

Rev. *J. L. Schock*, from the Rev. Synod of New York.
" *A. H. Lochman*, " " West Pennsylvania.
" *W. A. Passavant*, " " Pittsburg.
Dr. *Benjamin Kurtz*, " " Maryland.
Rev. *B. Sadtler*, " " East Pennsylvania.
" *D. Weiser*, from the German Reformed Synod.

The following Brethren were received as Advisory Members:

The Rev. Messrs. C. F. E. Stohlman, J. G. Morris, D. D., A. W Lilly, J. H. Heck, G. Parsons, M. Scheeleigh, Prof. S. S. Schmucker D. D., D. Eyster, G. A. Nixdorf, Prof. C. P. Krauth, D. D., J. Naschold C. A. Smith, D. D., F. R. Anspach, P. Anstadt, J. Ulrich, W. M. Baum J. Focht, A. Berg, D. P. Rosenmiller, C. Nitterauer, F. Barnitz, J. Fry Rev. Gans, of the German Reformed church; Rev. Moore and Dr DeWitt, of the Presbyterian church.

Thus constituted, the Synod numbered 118 members.

The President hereupon read his annual report, which was received and referred to a Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT,

TO THE "EVANG. LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ADJACENT STATES,"

CONVENED IN HARRISBURG, PA., DURING TRINITY WEEK, A. D. 1855.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren!

With hearts overflowing with gratitude, should we be assembled this day, on this consecrated spot; for God hath magnified his mercy unto us during the past Synodical year. Every member of this body hath abundant cause to exclaim with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

At the opening of the last Synodical session, I was obliged to state, that the Lord had removed into the Eternal world, two most worthy and beloved Brethren; to-day, I must again announce the death of two of the oldest members of this body. The remaining Fathers and Brethren, God hath, during the past Synodical year, retained not only in life, but as far as I know, with few exceptions, also in health. To him therefore be ascribed the praise due to his name.

It being incumbent upon me, now, to present my annual report, I will do it in the following order:

I. Applications for Membership.

The following Brethren informed me, that they intended being present at this session of the Synod, for the purpose of making application for membership.

1. Ordained Ministers.

a) Rev. B. Keller, hitherto a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod, and for the past three years, Agent of our Synod, for the collecting of the necessary funds for the establishment of the German Professorship at Gettysburg. He has presented me a certificate of honorable dismission from the West Pennsylvania Synod. No. 16.

b) Rev. A. S. Link, also, heretofore a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod. He has received and accepted a call from the Trappe charge, located within the bounds of this Synod; and, therefore, desires to connect himself with this body. He too, has forwarded a certificate of honorable dismission from the West Pennsylvania Synod. No. 24.

c) Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder transmitted a certificate of honorable dismission from the East Pennsylvania Synod, with which he has hitherto been connected, and requested me to receive him into our midst. I advised him to be present at our next Synodical session, and in person apply for membership. No. 38.

d) Rev. David Henkel, hitherto a member of the Tennessee Synod, has received and accepted a call from the congregation in Stewardsville, New Jersey, and therefore is desirous of becoming a member of this Synod.

e) Rev. Wm. N. Scholl, hitherto a member of the New York Synod, has received and accepted a call from the congregation in Norristown, Pa., and intends therefore to connect himself with this Synod. No. 45.

2. Candidates.

a) J. H. C. Schierenbeek informed me, that he had received a call from the German congregation in Birmingham; and requested me to grant him an *ad interim* Candidate-License, so that he might take charge of the congregation until our next Synodical session. In as much as this congregation, although located within the bounds of the Pittsburg Synod, must necessarily, according to its charter, remain in connection with our Synod, I granted his request, on condition, that he attend this session of the Synod, and present himself for examination. Rev. Passavant has recommended him. No. 11.

b) G. Henry Vosseler, for 4½ years a student of the Basil (Basle) Mission-Institute, arrived a few months since in this country, furnished with the highest recommendations. March 12th, he was elected Pastor of the German Ev. Luth. St. Michael's congregation in Harrisburg. He requested me to grant him an *ad interim* Candidate-License and Rev. D. Maier seconded his request. I complied therewith, on condition, that he personally apply for membership, at this session of the Synod, and submit himself to an examination. No. 37.

c) F. Buerkemeyer, formerly a student at Gettysburg, latterly, German Missionary in Pittsburg, desires a charge within our bounds demanding his services in both the English and German languages. No. 48.

d) C. A. Baer, a graduate of Yale College, and student of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, from October, 1853, to March, 1855. No. 51.

II. Applications for permission to Preach in Vacant Congregations.

November 9th, 1854, Candidate Ernst Luebkert asked permission to preach a trial-sermon in the vacant Zions' and St. Peter's congregation in Chester county. Gave permission. No. 21.

May 1st, 1855, Candidate Henry Vosseler requested permission to preach in the Schwatara congregation. Granted his request. No. 47.

III. Ministerial Changes.

a) Rev. J. C. Miller informed me (Aug. 25th, 1854), that he had

resigned his congregations in Chester county, and requested me to recommend him to another charge, where he need but preach in the English language. I knew of no such charge, now vacant. No. 9.

b) Rev. G. A. Wenzel, who last August received a call as assistant minister in the German St. Michael's and Zion's congregation in Philadelphia, notified me that he delivered his introductory sermon October 8th, 1854, in Zion's church.

c) Rev. G. F. Gærtner has resigned the congregation in Frankford and preaches now every other Sunday in Germantown, where he is endeavoring to build up a German congregation.

d) Rev. Laitzle writes (October 28th, 1854), that he has resigned Palmyra, and the therewith associated congregations, and accepted the Elizabethtown charge. No. 20.

e) Rev. A. G. Georgii informed me (Nov. 24th, 1854), that he had removed from Camden, and taken charge of several congregations in the vicinity of Tamaqua, Schuylkill county. No. 22.

f) Rev. A. S. Link notified me (Dec. 23d, 1854), that he had taken charge of the Trappe, and other congregations, resigned by Rev. Wenzel. No. 24.

g) Rev. Jacob Albert writes (Jan. 11th, 1855), that he has resigned the congregations in Millersville, Rohrerstown and Petersburg, and at present officiates in both the churches located at Mt. Bethel, Northampton county. No. 28.

h) Candidate Hossler asked permission (April 13th, 1855), to resign the congregation at Rhinebeck, on account of the inadequacy of his salary, and the unwillingness of the congregation to increase the same. Gave permission. No. 41.

i) Rev. Medtart informed me (April 24th, 1855), that he had resigned the charge of St. John's and St. Peter's congregations in Whitpain and Gwynedd townships, Montgomery county. No. 43.

k) Candidate Scheide requested permission (April 25th, 1855), to resign his present charge, for the purpose of removing to Iowa, and there accepting any congregations, that may extend a call to him. Granted his request. No. 44.

l) Rev. J. B. Crist writes (May 1st, 1855), that he has given up the congregations at Mount Joy, Maytown, and Marietta, in Lancaster county, and accepted a call from a congregation in Mifflin county. No. 46.

m) Rev. T. T. Jæger informed me (May 7th, 1855), that he had resigned the congregations in Womelsdorf, Rehrersburg and Millerstown, and removed to Reading; that another pastor had been elected by the congregations; that the Meyerstown congregation, formerly supplied by him, would be vacated next June, and ought to become the residence of a pastor, who could officiate in both the German and English languages. No. 49.

IV. Acceptance of Single Congregations.

a) Candidate J. W. Hossler requested permission (June 19th, 1854), to accept the congregation at Rhinebeck. Granted his request. No. 1.

b) Rev. J. N. Hoffman wrote (July 24th, 1854), that he had received and accepted a call from Trinity church, Reading, Berks county. No. 6.

c) Rev. B. Keller has taken charge of the congregation at Frankford. His introductory sermon was preached Oct. 29th, 1854. He

has also commenced his missionary operations in Philadelphia. His first sermon there was delivered in Phœnix Hall, Kensington, Nov. 5th, 1854. His audience numbered 45—50; since then it has increased to 75—100. No. 23.

d) Candidate J. H. Schierenbeck informed me (Dec. 27th, 1854), that he had received a unanimous call from a small German congregation six miles distant from Birmingham. He asks permission to take charge of the same, in connection with the Birmingham congregation. Gave him permission. No. 25.

e) Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner writes (May 10th, 1855), that by permission of the District Conference, he had taken charge of the Pricetown congregation, located within the bounds of his district, and formerly supplied by a Mr. Ditzler, recently by Rev. Wagner. No. 50.

V. Applications for Vacant Charges.

a) Rev. C. Popp informed me (July 31st, 1854), that he had resigned his congregation in Birmingham; and requested me to recommend him to another congregation. I knew of none. No. 4.

b) A letter from the Rev. Ernst Serfling, dated Sept. 7th, 1854, wherein he inquires whether no suitable situation as preacher of a German Lutheran congregation, and if necessary, also as teacher of a school in connection therewith, could be procured for him within the bounds of our Synod, or otherwise? I answered, I knew of no such situation now; should I be informed of such hereafter, I would at once write to him. No. 14.

c) A letter from Candidate Frederick Zickler, of White Plains, West Chester county, N. Y., wherein a like inquiry is made. Forwarded a like answer. No. 15.

d) Rev. Chr. G. Friedrich notified me (Jan. 16th, 1855), that he had resigned his congregation in Alleghany City; and requested me to direct him to any suitable vacant congregations in Eastern Pennsylvania. I directed him to the congregations in Chambersburg and Harrisburg, and to the *three* associated congregations, Millersville, Rehrerstown, and Petersburg, in the vicinity of Lancaster. No. 30.

e) Candidate Ernst Luebkert requested me (Feb. 23d, 1855), to inform him of any suitable vacant congregations. No. 34.

f) A similar request from Rev. G. M. Merz (Feb. 26th, 1855). Directed both Brethren to the Millersville, Rohrerstown, and Petersburg charge.

g) Rev. W. Schmogron inquired (March 26th, 1855,) concerning any vacant congregations within our Synodical bounds. I knew of none. No. 39.

VI. Applications for Ministers.

a) The church council of the congregation in Birmingham, desired me (July 31st, 1854), to recommend to them a successor to Rev. Popp. I knew of no suitable one. No. 4.

b) Mr. J. A. Wolf requested me (Aug. 8th, 1854), to recommend to the congregation in Wrightsville a preacher qualified to officiate in both languages. I knew of no such Brother, whom I believed willing to accept of the charge. No. 5.

c) The congregation in Lebanon, recently under the charge of Rev.

J. N. Hoffman, petitioned me (Sept. 12th, 1854), to recommend t them suitable candidates for the vacancy. I did so. No. 13.

d) Rev. J. C. Miller in behalf of the congregations recently resigne by him desired me (Sept. 25th, 1854), to recommend to them a suita ble pastor. No. 13.

e) Rev. Sallman writes (Oct. 25th, 1854), that owing to ill-health he could no longer habitually attend his distant congregations; an that he had taken charge of the vacant congregation in Wilkesbarre. He desires me therefore to send to his aid in the ministry a young Brother, sound in body and mind. One capable of officiating in both langnages preferable. I knew of no such, whom I could send. No. 18.

VII. Complaints against Ministers.

Rev. J. N. Hoffman informed me (Sept. 6th, 1854), that the Conference of Lebanon and Dauphin counties had, at their last session, formed certain new Pastoral-districts; that Meyerstown was the centre of one of these districts. A certain Mr. Ditzler, however, was endeavoring to thwart the plans of the Conference, and to persuade that congregation to elect him as their pastor, and to connect themselves with the East Pennsylvania Synod. I dissuaded them from such a course, and stated that the Rev. R. S. Boyer, whom they had invited to preach a trial-sermon, was a member of our Synod, and would suit them. No. 40.

VIII. Dismissions.

June 20th, A. D. 1854. In accordance with a resolution of the Synod, I gave Rev. J. P. G. Naschold an honorable dismission.

July 21st, 1854. In accordance with their expressed desire, and a Synodical resolution of the last annual session, I gave Rev. C. Nitterauer, and Rev. J. Fry, an honorable dismission. Their congregations being within the bounds of the West Pennsylvania Synod, both Brethren intend to connect themselves with said Synod. Nos. 7 and 8.

January 3d, 1855. Rev. C. Popp informed me, that he had entered into the service of the "American and Foreign Christian Union," of New York; and was laboring as their missionary in St. Louis, Mo. Most gladly would he remain a member of our Synod, but, owing to his being so distant from us, he deemed it incumbent upon him to connect himself with some nearer Lutheran Synod. My answer to him was, that I would by no means incur the responsibility of saying, that he must disconnect himself from our Synod; nevertheless if he desired so to do, inasmuch as he would not be able to attend our Synodical sessions, I would grant him an honorable dismission. No.27. Rev. Popp afterwards wrote to me, that he would remain in connection with our Synod.

January 10th, 1855. Rev. D. Maier informed me, that he had received and accepted a unanimous call from the German congregation in Cumberland, Maryland; and that he would therefore resign his congregation in Harrisburg. His new charge being located within the bounds of the Maryland Synod, he desired to be honorably dismissed from this body, that he might unite himself with said Synod. I granted his desire. No. 27.

January 18th, 1855. Rev. Roos informed me, that he had taken charge of the congregation in Canelton, Perry county; and requested

to be honorably dismissed from this Synod, to that within whose bounds he now labors. I dismissed him. No. 29.

February 1st, 1855. Rev. Wm. Gerhardt, pastor of several congregations in West Bethel township, Northampton county, notified me, that he had received and accepted a call as Principal of the "West Carolina Male Academy," and that he therefore desired to connect himself with the Synod of North Carolina. I gave him an honorable dismission. No. 31.

February 2d, 1855. Rev. Chr. C. A. Brandt, pastor of the German Lutheran congregation in Johnstown, wrote, that he had received and accepted a call from the first German congregation in Alleghany City; and that inasmuch as his new charge was connected with the Eastern District Synod of Ohio, he desired to be honorably dismissed to that body. I granted his desire. No. 32.

February 16th, 1855. Candidate Frederick Oswald Merbitz expressed the desire, owing to his residing so distantly from Pennsylvania, to connect himself with the Synod of Illinois. As that Synod does not convene until the Thursday preceding the first Sunday in September next, and his License expires the coming Trinity-week, he requested me to extend the same until the time of Convocation of the Illinois Synod. I complied with his request, and honorably dismissed him. No. 33.

May 3d, 1855. Rev. J. B. Crist informed me, that he had received and accepted a call from a congregation located within the bounds of the West Pennsylvania Synod, and therefore requested to be honorably dismissed from this, to that Synod. No. 46.

May 29th, 1855. I gave Candidate Scheide an honorable dismission from our Synod.

IX. Corner-Stones laid, and Churches erected.

1. Corner-Stones laid.

June 26th, 1854, the corner-stone of St. Luke's church, in Philadelphia, was laid.

April 29th, 1855, the corner-stone of the Union Bensalem's church, in East Penn township, Carbon county, Pa., was laid.

June 25th, 1855, the corner-stone of St. John's church, in Allentown, was laid by Rev. B. Schmucker.

2. Church Consecrations.

October 13th, 1854. Rev. J. B. Crist informed me, that the newly-erected church in Wrightsville, York county, had been consecrated October 6th, 1854. He also stated, that he had resigned that congregation, and that according to his advice, it had connected itself with the West Pennsylvania Synod, within whose bounds it was located, and would hereafter be taken charge of by a clergyman in union with that Synod. No. 17.

October 22d, 1854. The basement-story of St. Luke's church, in Philadelphia, was consecrated.

October 1st, 1854. St. Mary's church, in Dauphin county, having been improved, was consecrated.

April 22d, 1855. The now completed St. Luke's church, in Philadelphia, was solemnly consecrated to the service of the Triune God.

May 6th, 1855. Rev. B. Schmucker, aided by numerous Brethren,

solemnly consecrated to the service of the Triune God, the recently erected English St. John's church, in Allentown, Pa.

X. Vacant Charges.

1) The congregations, Zion's and St. Peter's, in Chester county, Pa., recently under the charge of Rev. J. C. Miller.

2) The congregations in Millersville, Rohrerstown and Petersburg, in the vicinity of Lancaster, recently under the charge of Rev. Jacob Albert.

3) The congregations at Mount Joy, Maytown and Marietta, in Lancaster county, recently resigned by Rev. J. B. Crist.

4) The congregations, St. John's and St. Peter's, in Whitpain and Gwynedd townships, Montgomery county, for many years under the charge of Rev. Medtart.

5) The English congregation in Hamburg, Berks county, and the therewith associated congregations, recently under the charge of Candidate Scheide.

XI. Deaths.

Died, March 12th, 1855, on his estate in Halifax township, Dauphin county, Rev. John Nicholas Hemping, aged 76 years, 8 months, and 8 days. The deceased was born July 4th, A. D. 1778, in the Diocese Schœnberg, in the grand-dukedom Mecklenburg Strelitz Ratzeburg.

Anno Domini 1802, he came to America. After having been many years Instructor at Nazareth, Pa., he removed to Philadelphia, where he obtained a situation as teacher in the High-School then established by the St. Michael's and Zion's congregations; and at the same time commenced his Theological studies under the direction of Rev. Helmuth, D. D., and Rev. Schmidt.

November, A. D. 1811, he accepted a call from congregations in Dauphin, Northumberland, and Schuylkill counties; where, amidst many trials and difficulties, he preached the Word of God, with much faithfulness, zeal and patience, until within a period of six years, where, owing to the infirmities accompanying old age, he was compelled to resign them. His large field of labor he divided ten years since, resigning his most distant congregations to Brother Bergner. Until death he manifested much interest in the welfare and extension of the Lutheran church, as well as of the Kingdom of God in general. His remains were interred in the graveyard of the St. Peter's church, six miles distant from his residence. Pastor F. Walz preached the funeral discourse from Mal. II : 5—7. Peacefully slumber his remains until the resurrection morn!

Rev. Daniel Ulrich, one of the oldest members of this body, departed this life June 1st, 1855. He was on a visit to a relative residing in Ohio, and had progressed as far as Pittsburg, on his way thitherward, when attacked with apoplexy, he was suddenly ushered into Eternity. May his sudden death excite all anew, to have our loins girded about, and our lights burning, and ourselves to be like unto men that wait for their Lord. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching.

XII. The Streit Legacy.

September 26th, 1854, I received the interest due upon the Streit legacy. Our share thereof amounted to $150.

XIII. The Rœdelsheim Legacy.

May 29th, 1855, I received of Mr. John U. Kuemmerlen $351\frac{17}{100}$. the interest due upon the Rœdelsheim legacy. Our share thereof amounted to $234\frac{12}{100}$.

XIV. Miscellaneous Business.

a) July 17th, 1854, Rev. G. F. Krotel wrote that many members of the Kieselberg congregation, had requested him to disclose to them the proceedings of the Synod with reference to Mr. Barnitz. He directed them to me. I gave them the desired information, and furthermore stated, that they ought not by any means, as was the desire of some, in future retain Mr. Barnitz as their pastor, inasmuch as he was no longer a member of this Synod, and could not be received into membership, by any Ev. Luth. Synod in the United States. No. 2.

b) July 24th, 1854, Rev. Brandt informed me, that his charge in Johnstown, had, in accordance with a recommendation expressed at our last annual session, established a Parochial school, which now numbers 50 children. This congregation, which is composed of about 500 families, also supports a Sunday school, which numbers 60 scholars.

c) October 24th, 1854, Rev. Brandt informed me, that owing to the rapid increase of his congregation in Johnstown, Cambria county, he had resigned his country charge. Forty Lutheran families, residing at Penn Creek Furnace, three miles distant from Johnstown, had, in accordance with the desire of the town-charge, formed themselves into a distinct congregation, in whose midst he officiates every other Sunday. A teacher of his congregation, who has been receiving Theological instructions from him, and whom he recommends most favorably, officiates in the congregations resigned by him. He inquired, whether a Catechet-License were necessary for him. I replied, that as his student, he was privileged to preach in said congregations, under his supervision; but that if he deemed him worthy of the pastorate, he ought to present him at our next session, for examination and licensure. No. 19.

d) December 22d, 1854, Rev. Brandt informed me, that God's blessings were visably accompanying his labors in the Johnstown charge, and that during the past year, he had received 25 additional families into the midst thereof. He complains of the conduct of a certain Rev. Diehl in connection with the Alleghany Synod, who had publicly re-confirmed a maiden, whom, after almost daily preparatory instructions for the space of 24 weeks, he had already confirmed. He asks, whether it were not proper to enter a complaint against him, in the Alleghany Synod. I advised him, rather to present the query to said Synod, whether it approve of any member in its midst, re-confirming persons, who have been already confirmed. No. 26.

e) A few weeks since, a number of clergymen met in Germantown, to organize the Translation and Publication Society, projected by the East Pennsylvania Synod. An Executive Committee was appointed, with power to elect the officers of the society; viz—a President, a number of Vice-Presidents, one from every Synod in connection with the General Synod, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Executive Committee elected said officers, and resolved to rent and furnish a locality in Philadelphia, where copies

of the works translated and published by the society, might be preserved, so that our Preachers and Lay-members visiting Philadelphia, might examine the same, and make their purchases accordingly. I doubt not, the Synod will sympathize with this project, and in every possible manner, aid towards the accomplishment thereof.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenent, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

The present incumbents were re-elected into their respective offices, viz:

Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D.,—*President.*
" A. T. Geissenhainer,—*Secretary.*
" C. W. Schæffer,—*Treasurer.*

The papers, documents, &c., in the possession of the Ministers, Lay-delegates, and Applicants present, were now called for, numbered, and handed to the following Committees to report upon.

First Committee—on the President's report: Rev. Messrs. B. Keller, J. J. Strein, and Benj. W. Sehmauk.

Second Committee:—Rev. Messrs. E. Peixoto, W. J. Eyer, Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, and the Delegates Christian Fœll, and Benjamin Johnson.

Third Committee:—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Rœller, J. Albert, S. K. Brobst, and the Delegates, John U. Kuemmerlen and Samuel Hocker.

Fourth Committee:—Rev. Messrs. J. N. Hoffman, J. Kohler, G. F. Miller, and the Delegates, Peter Seibert and John Hartman.

Fifth Committee:—Rev. Messrs. C. Rees, Aug. Bergner, B. M. Schmucker, and the Delegates, Jacob Gottschall and C. Hager.

Sixth Committee:—Rev. Messrs. N. Jæger, W. G. Mennig, G. F. Gærtner, and the Delegates, Henry Seidel and George T. Hummel.

Seventh Committee:—Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, E. Peixoto, F. A. M. Keller, and the Delegate George Rischel.

Eigth Committee:—Rev. Messrs. F. Walz. W. G. Laitzle, S. R. Boyer, and the Delegates, George Hummel and M. F. Egerly.

Ninth Committee—on the Minutes of other Synods: Rev. Messrs. W. J. Eyer, H. G. Stecher, F. A. M. Keller, J. Kohler, and the Candidates Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, E. Luebkert, and E. A. Scharretts.

Tenth Committee—on the President's account: Rev. W. J. Mann, and the Delegates, Christian Fœll and John U. Kuemmerlen.

Eleventh Committee—on the Treasurer's account: Rev. N. Jæger, Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, and the Delegate C. J. Ihrie.

Twelfth Committee—on the Minutes of our last Synod: Rev. Messrs. G. F. Miller, and J. C. Sehmidt.

The following Brethren were appointed to constitute the *Examining Committee*: Rev. Messrs. W. J. Mann, C. F. Sehæffer, D. D., F. W. Geissenhainer, E. Peixoto, C. W. Sehæffer, and G. F. Krotel.

The Sermons and Journals of the Candidates were distributed among various Brethren for examination and report.

I. *Resolved*, that the reading of the minutes of our last annual session be dispensed with.

Adjourned.—Prayer by Rev. B. Keller.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. W. Bætis, *Sen. Minist.*

Report of the Second Committee.

The Second Committee has the honor to submit the following report:

No. 2. Contains a letter from Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner, in which he asks to be excused for non-attendance, at this Synodical session, on account of peculiar family circumstances. He forwards his parochial report, and the following contributions: $2 00 for the Synodical Treasury, and $31 30 for the Missionary Treasury; of the latter specified amount $8 00 were contributed by the Kutztown Sunday School.

Your Committee recommend, that Brother Hinterleitner be excused.

No. 3. Contains a petition of the Rev. Messrs. J. C. Duy, E. Deyoe, and A. T. Geissenhainer, wherein they request this Synod to aid them in the formation of a New Synod in New Jersey.

Your Committee recommend, that this petition be put on the table.

No. 4. Contains the annual Hymn-Book report of Mrs. Johanna D. Wollenweber. It is as follows:

Amount of per centage on copies sold by her,

At Wholesale,	No. of smaller size 3775, at $2\frac{1}{2}$c - - -		$94	$37\frac{1}{2}$
	" larger " 1153, at 5c - - -		57	65
At Retail,	No. of smaller size 163, at 5c - - -		8	15
	" larger " 25, at 12c - - -		3	00
Total No. of copies - -	5116	Amt. per centage	$163	$17\frac{1}{2}$

Copies on hand:

No. of smaller size bound. - - - -	1514
" " unbound, - - -	850
" larger size bound, - - - -	567
" " unbound, - - -	416
Total. - - - - - - - -	3347

Respectfully,

E. PEIXOTO,
CHRISTIAN F. FŒLL,
F. A. MUHLENBERG, JR.,
BENJAMIN JOHNSON.

This report was accepted for consideration, and it was finally

Resolved, in reference to No. 2, that Brother Hinterleitner be excused. In reference to No. 3,

II. *Resolved*, that the petition of the Brethren of New Jersey, be handed over to a special committee, who shall report to the Synod on this matter in particular, and upon the division of Synods in general. Committtee: Rev. Messrs. C. F. Schæffer, D. D., W. J. Mann, G. F. Krotel, and the Delegates, John U. Kuemmerlen and C. J. Ihrie.

Report of the First Committee,--on the President's report.

The Committee appointed to examine the President's report, respectfully submit the following:

a) That our worthy President, is deserving of the most sincere thanks of this body for the full and interesting report of his official duties during the past year, which he has presented to it.

b) It is the opinion of the Committee, that Synod ought to approve the answers given by the President to the various inquiries of Preachers in regard to vacant charges, and vacant charges in regard to suitable Preachers.

c) Synod should express itself in reference to the interference of Mr. Ditzler, in endeavoring to thwart the plans of the Lebanon Conference, to persuade the Meyerstown congregation to accept of him as their pastor, and to connect themselves with the East Pennsylvania Synod.

d) The President's reply to a letter of a Committee of the Turbetville congregation is deemed both just and most judicious, by your Committee; nevertheless they would recommend that all included in Section VII, be passed over in silence.

e) Your Committee rejoice to learn from the report, that a Translation and Publication Society, to be located at Philadelphia, has been organized. They would recommend this cause to the cordial sympathies and support of the Synod, and propose that the sum of $25 00 be given from our Synodical Treasury in aid of said society.

f) In reference to the decease during the past year, of two most beloved and reverend fathers, viz: of Rev. John Nicholas Hemping, and Rev. Daniel Ulrich, your Committee would suggest to Synod the following resolutions:

A) That we heartily rejoice, that the Lord retained them unto us for so long a period, as laborers in his vineyard on earth.

B) That we nevertheless most heartily bemoan the loss of these two beloved Fathers; and that especially the sudden departure of the latter, should remind us of the solemn admonition of our Lord: "Therefore, be ye also ready."

C) That we most cordially sympathize with the bereaved families of the deceased, and that we will beseech the God of all consolation, to comfort them in all their sorrows.

D) That our Secretary be commissioned to impart these resolutions to the afflicted households.

Respectfully,

BENJAMIN KELLER,
J. J. STREIN,
BENJAMIN W. SCHMAUK.

The report was adopted for consideration, and it was finally resolved:

In reference to (*a*), and (*b*), that the Synod coincides in the view of their Committee. In reference to (*c*),

III. *Resolved*, that the Synod request our President formally to notify the President of the East Pennsylvania Synod, of the unclerical trespasses of Mr. J. M. Ditzler.

In reference to (*d*), and (*e*), that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

In reference to (*f*), that it be adopted together with the accompanying resolutions.

Report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

The undersigned, appointed by this Synod, as Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, respectfully present the following annual report:

They attended the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, held at Gettysburg, on the 17th of September, 1854, and were also present at the examination of the several classes. They were much gratified with the deportment of the students, and the progress which they had made in their studies, under the able and faithful instructions of their teachers.

The only regret which they felt, arose from observing the small number of students, which is scarcely large enough to supply the pastoral districts now vacant, and altogether insufficient for the urgent wants of the Church in regions in which congregations could be easily organized, if ministers of the Gospel could be sent thither.

The Directors expressed their views very fully respecting the noble course pursued by this Synod in furnishing funds for the endowment of a German Professorship, and paid a becoming tribute to the enlightened zeal of this body. The Rev. Mr. Mann, who had been nominated for the post, was unanimously elected by the Board. No diversity of opinions, whatever, existed respecting the great object which it would be the duty of the newly-elected professor to labor to attain; all concurred in the wish that he should devote himself altogether to the work of furnishing the Church with German preachers, and that it should be his aim to aid all the students in their efforts to acquire a sufficient knowledge of the German language, in order to employ it in the pulpit. The Directors, however, could not satisfactorily specify the mode or the means by which the object of the professorship could be gained, although it appeared to be the general opinion, that, according to the present internal arrangements of the Seminary, the Professor could probably be most useful, if he could not only labor as a Professor of the German language in the College, but also continue those labors in the Seminary, rather than direct his attention specially to the appropriate duties of a *theological* Professor. They resolved to submit the whole subject to this body for its decision, while all concurred in the opinion, that the great end in view could be, probably, best secured, by giving liberty to the professor to arrange the details of the mode in which he should labor, according to such a plan, as might seem judicious to himself and the other professors, after they had fully deliberated on the work assigned to them.

The Directors beg leave to offer a resolution similar to one which was adopted at the last meeting of this body, namely:

IV. *Resolved*, that this Synod appropriate for the current year the sum of $25 for the purchase of German theological books for the Library of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

CHARLES F. SCHÆFFER,
CHARLES A. HAY.

The report was adopted for consideration, and it was finally

V. *Resolved*, that the above named sum of $25 be appropriated towards the object specified in the report.

VI. *Resolved*, that this report together with the just read suggestions

of the Faculty of Pennsylvania College, be referred to a special committee, for examination and report.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. B. Keller, F. W. Geissenhainer, and E. Peixoto.

Rev. J. Stein obtained permission from the Synod to absent himself, and attend the funeral of our deceased Brother Ulrich.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer.

In the evening Rev. W. A. Passavant preached in Zion's church, from 1 John iv: 17; and Rev. B. W. Schmauk in St. Michael's church, from Genesis xvii: 1.

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Stecher.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted.

The President read an invitation from "The Young Men's Christian Association in Harrisburg" to the members of the Synod, to visit their Reading-room during our present sessions; whereupon it was

VII. *Resolved*, that we return our sincerest thanks to the Association for their kind invitation; that we rejoice to learn that such an association exists in Harrisburg; and that we implore the blessings of the Most High upon the enterprise.

Report on the Treasurer's Account.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, have the honor respectfully to report, that they have minutely examined and found it correct. The following is a synopsis of it:

I. Missionary Treasury.

Receipts, including balance of last year,	$2,655 72½
Expenditures,	1,813 39
Leaving a balance in hand of	$ 842 33½

II. Synodical Treasury.

Receipts, including balance of previous year,	$1,056 21
Expenditures,	709 81
Balance,	$ 346 40

III. German Professorship Fund.

Receipts, inclusive of balance,	$6,845 57
Expenditures,	6,786 53
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	$ 59 04
Total amount of investments yielding interest,	$16,010 00

IV. Education.

Amount received,	$ 13 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NATHAN JÆGER,
F. A. MUHLENBERG, JR.,
C. J. IHRIE.

The report was accepted.

Report of the Third Committee.

The Third Committee has the honor to report, as follows:

No. 5. Contains a letter from Rev. A. Rueter, in which he requests Synod to excuse his absence; sickness preventing his attendance at the present session.

No. 6. Contains the parochial report of Rev. W. Rath, and $18 contribution money. $2 for the Synodical, and $16 for the Missionary Treasury.

No. 7. Contains a letter from Rev. H. Garlichs, in which he forwards $14 for our Foreign Missions, and requests the Synod to excuse his non-attendance, on account of his great distance from us, and the heavy traveling expenses he would be obliged to incur; he also desires, on this account, to be honorably dismissed from this body, and to connect himself with the Synod of New York, whose sessions are held more in proximity to him.

No. 8. Contains a letter from Rev. C. P. Miller, wherein he requests to be excused for absence, on account of sickness. He transmits his parochial report, and contributes $4 to the Synodical, and $6 to the Missionary Treasury.

ISAAC RŒLLER.
S. K. BROBST,
JACOB ALBERT,
JOHN U. KUEMMERLEN,
SAMUEL HACKER.

The report was adopted for consideration, and it was finally

VIII. *Resolved*, that the Brethren A. Rueter, W. Rath, H. Garlichs, and C. P. Miller be excused for non-attendance.

IX. *Resolved*, that Rev. H. Garlichs be honorably dismissed from this Synod to the Synod of New York.

Report of the Committee on the Memorial presented by the Faculty of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg.

The Committee to whom was entrusted for examination the memorial presented by the Faculty of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, have the honor to report, as follows:

It appears from said memorial,

a) That during the past winter, instruction in the German language has been imparted in the College, to two classes of about 50 students, by Rev. Anstædt, and that the Faculty are desirous that this honorable Synod therefore grant Rev. Anstædt the sum of $100 of the interest accruing from the funds of the German Professorship.

Your Committee would recommend that said sum be granted.

b) That the Faculty most urgently request this Synod, during their present session, to elect a Professor, who shall impart instruction in the German language, both in the College and in the Seminary.

Your Committee coincide in the above request, and nominate Rev. L. Heydenreich for said Professorship.

Your Committee would moreover suggest the following:

1) That this Synod definitely declare that said Professor, together with his successors, be entitled to equal rights and privileges with the other Professors in the College and Seminary at Gettysburg.

2) That said Professor be obligated to divide his labors equally; devoting half his time to imparting instruction in the German language and literature in College, and half in imparting Theological instruction in the German language in the Seminary.

3) That said Professor receive as annual compensation, the already specified sum of $900, as long as his deportment and doctrine coincide with the demands of this body.

Finally, your Committee, in accordance with the request of the Faculty of Pennsylvania College, would direct the attention of Synod to the Education-cause.

Respectfully,

BENJAMIN KELLER,
F. W. GEISSENHAINER,
E. PEIXOTO.

The report was adopted for consideration, and it was finally

X. *Resolved*, that Rev. Anstædt be allotted the sum of $100 as compensation for the instruction in the German language, imparted by him in Pennsylvania College, and that our Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay over the same.

XI. *Resolved*, that the nomination of a German Professor for the College and Seminary at Gettysburg be the first business for to-morrow's Session.

All the recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The consideration of the last clause of the report, referring to the Education-cause, was postponed until the afternoon of to-day.

Rev. Passavant gave an interesting sketch of the Canada Missions. Whereupon

XII. *Resolved*, that a Ministerial Session be held at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Peixoto.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer. See second Ministerial Session.

Rev. Mann, chairman of the committee appointed at our Ministerial session of last year, to report at this Synodical session, on the following and other therewith connected questions, viz: Whether or no, the present system of licensure should be retained? Whether or no, the order of Catechists should be introduced? reported, whereupon it was

XIII. *Resolved*, that the decision of the above questions be postponed until our next annual session of Synod; that the committee in the mean time be continued, enlarged, and directed to report next year; that the other with us associated Synods, be respectfully requested to impart to us their views, in reference to the above; and that our Delegates to the General Synod, be herewith instructed to present the subject to said body for earnest deliberation.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. W. J. Mann, C. F. Schæffer, D. D., C. W. Schæffer, C. R. Demme, D. D., E. Peixoto, J. C. Baker, D. D., and C. A. Hay.

Report of the Liturgy Committee.

The Committee on the Liturgy respectfully report, that after due deliberation and careful inquiry as to the best manner of discharging the duty with which they had been entrusted relative to the publication of the Liturgy, they entered into a contract with Mr. Henry Ludwig, Publisher, of New York, who accordingly entered upon the execution of the work.

The specifications of the Contract are as follows:

1) Mr. Henry Ludwig will publish a larger Edition of the Liturgy, with new type, on fine Super-Royal paper. The Book is not to exceed 400 Octavo pages, so as to sell, in plain binding, at $2 per copy, in finer bindings, &c., at $2 50, and $3, giving to Synod 15 cents for every copy sold.

2) He will publish also a duodecimo Editon of the size of the Larger Hymn Book of the Synod, on good substantial paper, in good plain binding, and retail the same at 75 cents per copy; finer bindings for $1 and $1 25, giving to Synod 6¼ cents for every copy sold.

3) The Committee loan to the said publisher out of the funds of the Synod the sum of $1000 at 7 per cent interest per annum. This money is secured by Mortgage on the two sets of Stereotype Plates of the Liturgy and on the Copies of the same which may be on hand unsold; also on the plates of Luther's "Hauspostille"; also on the plates of Meurer's Life of Luther in English (one set); also on one set of plates of the Book of Concord. One Hundred Dollars of the above sum is to be paid back with interest on the whole sum at the expiration of every six months, until the whole is paid.

4) The two Editions are to be ready for sale on May 1st, 1855, and the Committee and the Synod are to make all proper and diligent efforts to introduce the same into the Congregations connected with the Pennsylvania Synod.

5) This Contract is to be subject to revision and alteration at the expiration of five years, and at the expiration of every subsequent period of five years.

6) In the event of the death of the said Henry Ludwig, the provisions of this Contract shall cease to be binding and the Synod with his Heirs are to be at liberty to continue its provisions or to annul them, as they may be able to agree upon.

Signed and Sealed, November 24th, 1854.

The Committee cannot refrain from expressing its regret, that its chairman, Rev. Dr. Demme, whose labors in the preparation of the manuscript had been so arduous, untiring, and successful, after having fully arranged it for the press, was constrained to withdraw from direct co-operation with the Committee, in the publication of the work. Yet even here his judgement was valued, and his counsel was not withheld.

It has always appeared to the Committee, and they now express their conviction, that the Synod owes it to itself, to seek some practical relief from the weight of its obligations to the Chairman of the Liturgy Committee. The time, the physical and mental labor, the pecuniary expense, the anxious care he has so long devoted to the

preparation of this work, has imposed upon the Synod and the Church an obligation, which it cannot easily discharge.

The Committee are now able to state, that through the diligent efforts of Mr. Ludwig, the Book is now ready for sale, according to the terms of the Contract. The duty now devolves upon the Synod and the Church to endeavor, by all proper means, to introduce the Book to our congregations and secure the circulation of it.

THE COMMITTEE.

This report was accepted, and a committee appointed to present resolutions to the Synod with reference to the same, and to express the debt of gratitude the Synod feels towards all who have taken part in the publication of the Liturgy.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. B. Keller, E. Peixoto, and Benj. M. Schmucker.

Report on the President's Account.

The Committee, appointed to examine the President's account from June, 1854, to June, 1855, herewith report, that they have found it correct.

W. JUL. MANN,
JOHN U. KUEMMERLEN,
CHRISTIAN FŒLL.

Report upon Synodical Divisions.

The Committee, appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the Synod on the New Jersey Memorial, and on the general subject of the Formation or Division of Synods, beg leave to report respectfully:

I. *Resolved*, that the Memorial presented this body by Pastors residing in the State of New Jersey, relative to the formation of a new Synod, to be called: "The Ev. Lutheran Synod of New Jersey," be placed in the hands of a Committee, consisting of 6 members, who shall be styled: "The Committee on the Division and Formation of Synods."

II. *Resolved*, that said Committee shall take into consideration the subject to which the Memorial from New Jersey refers, in connection with the following questions:

1) Does the present number of the members of this body render a division of it into two or more Synods expedient?

2) If such a division is deemed expedient, should it be made according to the geographical position of the pastoral charges constituting the Synod?

3) What are the details of such a geographical division of this body?

4) Would two or three Synods, embracing the counties designated in the answer to the previous question, increase the efficiency of the Church in Pennsylvania?

III. *Resolved*, that this Committee ascertain the sense of the members of this body as far as possible, before they prepare their report.

IV. *Resolved*, that this Synod respectfully request the Synods of New York, East Pennsylvania, and West Pennsylvania, to appoint similar committees with authority to confer with the one appointed by this body.

v. *Resolved*, that our delegates to the General Synod be directed to request said body to appoint a similar Committee designed to propose and establish certain general principles on the subject of the division of existing Synods and the formation of new Synods, which may facilitate the progress of the Church in the territory embraced within the bounds of the General Synod.

vi. *Resolved*, that the Committee appointed by this body, report at the next annual meeting.

CHARLES F. SCHÆFFER,
W. J. MANN,
G. F. KROTEL,
C. J. IHRIE,
JOHN U. KUEMMERLEN.

This report together with the annexed resolutions was adopted, and the following Committee appointed thereupon, viz: Rev. Messrs. B. Keller, C. R. Demme, D. D., C. A. Hay, G. A. Wenzel, and the Delegates, C. J. Ihrie and Christian J. Fœll.

The following motion was then presented by Delegate C. J. Ihrie, viz: "Resolved, that this Synod look with favor upon the formation of the new Synod, to be styled: "The Ev. Lutheran Synod of New Jersey and the adjacent States," and that if any of our charges bordering upon said State, deem it well to take part in the formation of said Synod, we will interpose no obstacle, but grant them an honorable dismission from this body. Hereupon,

XIV. *Resolved*, that this motion be handed over to the above named Committee, also to be reported upon at our next Synodical session.

The following Brethren were excused on account of absence: Rev. Messrs. G. F. J. Jæger, T. F. Jæger, C. L. Erle, G. A. Wenzel, J. Clemens Miller, C. F. Welden, W. B. Kæmmerer, and A. G. Georgii.

Rev. Mr. Eyer, on account of sickness, was permitted to return home.

A letter from Rev. T. H. Leinbach, Delegate of the Synod of the German Reformed church to our Synod was read, wherein he desires Synod to excuse his absence, on account of his attending the funeral of our deceased Brother Ulrich. Hereupon,

XV. *Resolved*, that Rev. Messrs. Peixoto and Hay be appointed a Committee to draft resolutions upon the Education-cause, which shall be submitted to the consideration of Synod on to-morrow afternoon.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Walz.

This evening the annual Missionary meeting of the Synod was held.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. C. W. Schæffer.

The minutes of the previous sesions were read and adopted.

XVI. *Resolved*, that before we proceed to the nomination of a German Professor, we humble ourselves before the great Head and Lord of the Church, and supplicate the guidance of His Holy Spirit in this most important measure.

Hereupon the whole Synod united with the President in most heart felt prayer to the Lord. Hereupon,

XVII. *Resolved*, that whoever be nominated by the Synod for said Professorship, be allowed four weeks time for consideration, whether he shall accept of said nomination or no, and that in case he refuse the President be empowered to convoke an extra session of the Synod at Reading, for the purpose of nominating another Professor, and transacting all other business connected therewith.

The election was held, which resulted in the choice of Dr. C. F. Schæffer. Whereupon it was

XVIII. *Resolved*, that Dr. C. F. Schæffer be declared *viva voce* to have been elected unanimously.

Report of the Ninth Committee, upon the Minutes of other Synods.

The Committee, to whom were entrusted for examination the Minutes of other Synods, report as follows:

1) "*The Ev. Luth. Ministerium of New York, etc.,*" held its 59th session at Buffalo, N. Y., in August, 1854. This Synod declares itself perfectly satisfied with the election of a German Professor for Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg.

2) "*The Ev. Lutheran Synod of Maryland,*" assembled at Clearspring, in October, 1854. Our Delegates were received most fraternally.

3) The 31st session of "*The Ev. Luth. Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina, etc.,*" was held in the Mount Pilgrim's church, Coweta county, Ga., in November, 1854. This body numbers 30 ordained ministers, and 15 candidates; it is active in the Missionary cause, and is not unmindful of the widows, orphans, and disabled clergy of the Synod.

4) Minutes of the "*Synod of West Pennsylvania,*" for 1853. Officers: President, Rev. J. Ulrich; Secretary, Rev. W. F. Eyster; Treasurer, Rev. M. Jacobs. Number of Synodical members, 44.

5) Minutes of "*The Hartwick Synod,*" of New York. Officers: President, Rev. G. A. Lintner, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. R. Dederick; Treasurer, Rev. Thos. Lape. Number of Synodical members, 22.

6) Minutes of "*The Ev. Luth. Synod of Indiana.*" Officers: President, Rev. E. Morkert; Secretary, Rev. E. S. Henkel; Treasurer, Rev. J. Good. Number of Synodical members, 9.

7) Minutes of "*The Ev. Lutheran Synod of West Virginia.* Officers: President, Rev. E. Hawkins; Secretary, J. A. Brown; Treasurer, Rev. S. Rhudy. Number of Synodical members, 10.

8) Minutes of "*The English Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio.* Officers: President, Rev. J. A. Roof; Secretary, Rev. A. Essick; Treasurer, Rev. A. N. Bartholemew. Number of Synodical members, 20.

9) Minutes of "*The Ev. Luth. Synod of East Pennsylvania,*" for 1853. Officers: President, Rev. J. A. Brown; Secretary, Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder; Treasurer, Rev. A. C. Wedekind. Number of Synodical members, 30.

10) Minutes of "*The German Ev. Church-Union of the West.*" This body met June, 1854, in St. Charles, Mo. Officers: President, Rev. G. U. Wall; Vice-President, Rev. A. Baltzer; Secretary, Rev. L. Nollau; Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Riess. No. of Synod. members, 26.

11) Minutes of "*The English Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio,*" for 854. Officers: President, Rev. W. J. Sloan; Secretary, Rev. J. Hellell; Treasurer, Rev. W. C. Hauer. No. of Synod. members, 27.

12) Minutes of "*The General Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio.*" Officers: President, Rev. J. J. Beilharz; Secretary, Rev. H. Borcher; Treasurer, Rev. W. F. Lehman.

In all the above minutes, your Committee find nothing that has eference to this Synod.

13) Minutes of "*The Synod of the German Reformed Church.*" This body met at Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., in October, 1854. Officers: President, Rev. B. Douglass; Corresp. Secretary, Rev. D. F. Heisler; Recording Secretary, Rev. S. R. Fischer; Treasurer, Rev. Wm. Heyser.

The only reference in their minutes to this body, is found on page 59, where a complaint is recorded against one of the Committee, appointed by our Synod to confer with a like Committee of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, in the publication of a German Sunday-School Hymn Book.

H. G. STECHER,
JACOB ALBERT,
J. KOHLER,
F. A. MUHLENBERG, JR.,
E. LUEBKERT,
E. A. SCHARRETTS.

Hereupon,

XIX. *Resolved*, that the concluding portion of the above report, which has reference to the transactions of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, be entrusted to a special committee.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, G. F. Miller, and L. G. Eggers.

Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Translation of Luther's Smaller Catechism into English, and to publish the same.

The Committee have attended to the duty as far as was possible. They have carefully revised the labor of Dr. Schæffer, and heartily approve it. Some difficulties attended our efforts to secure its publication on favorable terms. We have however received an offer for its publication which we deem very favorable, and which we desire to lay before Synod. In case Synod approves the acceptance of the offer, we propose that the Committee be authorized to publish the Catechism and to draw on the Treasurer for the necessary money.

B. M. SCHMUCKER,
A. T. GEISSENHAINER,
C. F. WELDEN.

Hereupon,

XX. *Resolved*, that the above report be adopted, and that the Committee be continued, to carry it into execution.

XXI. *Resolved*, that the Committee, appointed to publish a new edition of the German Lutheran Catechism, be instructed to publish the same, uniform with the above. Hereupon,

XXII. *Resolved*, that our Delegates to the General Synod, be instructed to recommend to said body, to assemble itself but *triennially*.

Names of our Delegates to the General Synod: Rev. Messrs. H. S. Miller, G. F. Miller, J. Kohler, A. T. Geissenhainer, F. A. M. Keller, S. R. Boyer, W. J. Mann.

Substitute for any delegate who may not be able to attend: Rev. C. A. Hay.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother N. Jæger.

SIXTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Mann.

Report of the Sixth Committee.

The Sixth Committee has the honor to report, as follows:

No. 19. Is a writing signed by Messrs. Stephen Glaze, James Lewars, T. J. S. Levers, the Lutheran members of the Building committee now engaged in the erection of an "Union Lutheran and German Reformed church," at Turbutville, Northumberland county, Pa. Its contents are such, that your Committee would recommend that the whole matter be handed over for examination and action, either, to the Conference of said district, or to a special committee of this Synod.

No. 20. Contains the minutes of a meeting of the members composing the third conference district, convened October 17th and 18th, A. D. 1854, at Bernville, Berks county. Nothing claiming the special attention of Synod is recorded therein. Nevertheless, your Committee would rejoice that so lively an interest in the welfare of the congregation comprised within their district, is manifested by the members of said conference.

Respectfully,

NATHAN JÆGER,
WM. G. MENNIG,
GEO. F. GÆRTNER,
HENRY SEIDEL.

The report was accepted for consideration, and it was finally,

XXIII. *Resolved*, that the whole matter, with reference to the Turbutville congregation, be handed over to the proper conference.

Report of the Fifth Committee.

The papers entrusted to the Committee, are:

No. 13. A letter from Pastor Krotel to the President of Synod giving him notice that he cannot attend the General Synod to which he was appointed a delegate.

No. 14. A letter from Mr. Jno. Baer, of Lancaster, of like effect.

No. 15. A letter from Mr. Ulrich, of Stouchsburg, requesting that the absence from Synod of Pastors Eggers and H. S. Miller, be excused as they have been called to attend the funeral of our lamented Father Ulrich.

We propose that they be excused.

No. 16. A letter from Pastor Trumbauer, containing his parochial report, his contributions to the synodical and missionary treasuries,

nd a request that his absence be excused on account of his age and veakness.

The Committee propose that he be excused.

No. 17. A letter from Pastor Vogelbach, asking that he be excused or absence from Synod on account of serious illness in his family, nd stating that Pastor Brobst will hand over his contributions.

The Committee propose that he be excused.

No. 18. A letter from Pastor Sallman. requesting to be excused or absence from Synod on account of the illness of his family, and earnestly requesting the Synod to supply the church at Wilkesbarre with a pastor.

We propose that he be excused, and that the President be requested to bring the charge at Wilkesbarre to the notice of any one whom he may judge suitable.

C. REES,
A. BERGNER,
B. M. SCHMUCKER,
JACOB GOTTSCHALL,
C. HAGER.

This report, together with the recommendations of the Committee, were finally adopted.

Report of the Committee on the Translation of the Liturgy.

The Committee, appointed at the last meeting (See German minutes, p. 33,) for the purpose of translating the new Liturgy into the English language, beg leave to report:

That they were not able to obtain printed copies of the German until the present week, and were consequently unable to perform the duty assigned to them. They would also state that their term of service expires at the present meeting of Synod.

C. F. SCHÆFFER,
C. W. SCHÆFFER,
A. T. GEISSENHAINER,
C. F. WELDEN,
G. F. KROTEL,
B. M. SCHMUCKER.

Hereupon,

XXIV. *Resolved*, that the Committee be re-appointed, and instructed to present to Synod at our next annual session, the translation of said Liturgy.

Rev. Mr. Schmauck reported on the contents of a letter from the Hasselberg congregation. Hereupon,

XXV. *Resolved*, that this matter be handed over to the Fourth Conference.

The Committee, to whom was entrusted the matter of the German *Union Sunday-School Hymn Book*, published by Rev. Brobst, have the honor to report, as follows: The whole affair rests upon a neglect on our part, inasmuch as no resolution was passed by our Synod with referenee to the Copy-Right of said book, and Brother Brobst took out a Copy-Right in his own name, without mentioning our Synod or the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the same. In order to remove every obstacle toward the maintenance of the fraternal rela-

tion which has hitherto existed between said Synods, your Committee would recommend: That Rev. Brobst, with the approval of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, be instructed to take out a new Copy-Right, "In trust for the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States" and the "Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States."

Respectfully, F. W. GEISSENHAINER,
GEO. F. MILLER,
LEWIS G. EGGERS.

This report was accepted for consideration, and the recommendation of the Committee, finally adopted as resolution of the Synod.

Rev. G. F. Miller reported upon the contents of a letter entrusted to him for examination.

It contains a request from certain members of the Briar-Creek Ev. Luth. church, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Isaiah Bahl, for permission of Synod to withdraw from the church of which they are now members, and form an English Ev. Lutheran congregation, with full powers to elect a pastor, and do all things appertaining to our church-discipline. They desire the services of Rev. E. A. Scharretts, of Bloomsburg. Hereupon,

XXVI. *Resolved*, that the report be adopted, and the request granted.

Report of the Fourth Committee.

The Fourth Committee would respectfully report:

The papers entrusted to the same contain, as follows:

No. 9. Is a letter from the Rev. M. Sondhaus, of Barbeetown, Hardy county, Va., in which he wishes to be excused for not attending the meeting of this Synod, on account of the distance, want of means, and ill health. He wishes to unite with the Tennessee Synod, and asks an honorable dismission from Synod.

The Committee recommend that he be honorably dismissed.

No. 10. A letter from Rev. L. W. Heydenreich, praying to be excused for not attending Synod and giving as the cause, the near approach of the vacation of the institution with which he is connected and which has greatly increased his duties.

The Committee recommend that he be excused.

No. 11. A letter from Rev. A. Fuchs, in which he begs leave to be excused on account of ill health. He sends $30 for missions, together with his parochial report.

The Committee recommend that he be excused.

No. 12. A letter from Rev, G. A. Reichert, in which he expresses the pleasure he always enjoyed, in attending the annual meetings of this body; states that his health has improved; that his labors in two congregations have been greatly blessed, but, that as they belong to the Pittsburg Synod, he will make his report to that Synod. He prays, however, that on account of certain weaknesses, incident to age, to be excused.

The Committee recommend that he be excused.

JOHN N. HOFFMAN,
J. KOHLER,
G. F. MILLER,
P. SEIBERT,
JOHN HARTMAN.

The report was accepted for consideration, and it was finally

XXVII. *Resolved*, with reference to No. 9, that Rev. Sondhaus be excused on account of absence, and his request granted.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, that the Brethren Heydenreich, Fuchs and Reichert also be excused on account of absence.

XXIX. *Resolved*, that our President be requested to write to Rev. Reichert, and to inform him, that the Synod deem it appropriate that a Pastor and his charge belong to the same Synod.

Report of the Seventh Committee.

The Seventh Committee have the honor to report, that they have examined the petition of the congregation at Pennsburg, Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, to be admitted into this Synod, together with the annexed church-regulations which they are willing to amend as Synod may desire.

Your Committee would move, that in accordance with a previous decision of this Synod, the congregation be advised so to alter their church-regulations, that, Firstly, the Pastor be chairman of the church-council, and Secondly, the Elders and Wardens be the Trustees, and together with the Pastor constitute the church-council.

Your Committee would moreover move, that said congregation be received into connection with our Synod.

Respectfully,

F. W. GEISSENHAINER,
E. PEIXOTO,
F. A. M. KELLER.

Hereupon it was finally

XXX. *Resolved*, that the report be accepted, and the recommendations of the Committee adopted as resolutions of the Synod.

Report of the Eighth Committee.

Your Committee would report, as follows:

No. 22. Contains a writing, signed by the vestry of St. Paul's church, in East Birmingham, wherein they express their satisfaction with their present pastor, Candidate Schierenbeck, and request that Synod also this year grant them a contribution from the Missionary fund, inasmuch as they were convinced that the congregation would hereafter be competent of itself adequately to support its pastor.

This letter is accompanied with the parochial report of Candidate Schierenbeck, who writes, that the congregation in East Birmingham, notwithstanding all the pecuniary difficulties which the present hard-times have occasioned, has nevertheless liquidated $1025 of its church-debt. He also petitions for aid from the Missionary fund.

Your Committee would recommend, that this petition be referred to the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society.

No. 23. Contains the minutes of the Second Conference, which met twice during the past year. To these minutes are annexed two documents by Rev. Heydenreich. One has reference to the "*Statute-Plan of a Minister's, Widow's, Orphan and Emerite Fund*," printed in the minutes of our last Synodical session, which he wishes to amend and condense. Inasmuch however as no material emendation is proposed, your Committee is of opinion, that we retain the printed

Statute-Plan, so that this most worthy cause be matured, and the society be fully organized during the present session of Synod.

The other document proposes certain emendations in our "*Ministerial-Ordnung.*" Inasmuch however as the proposed emendations have reference solely to the conference system, and that too to matters of minor importance, your Committee would recommend, that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Respectfully,

F. WALTZ,
S. R. BOYER,
W. G. LAITZLE.

This report was accepted for consideration, and it was finally

XXXI. *Resolved*, with reference to No. 22, that the petition be handed over for action to the Executive Committee of our Missionary Society.

XXXII. *Resolved*, that the consideration of the "Minister's, Widow's, Orphan and Emerite Fund" project be postponed until tomorrow morning.

XXXIII. *Resolved*, that the proposed emendations of our "Ministerial-Ordnung" be put on the table.

Report of the Agent for the German Professorship.

The following Brethren collected in their respective congregations, and paid over during the session of Synod in Rev. C. A. Hay's church, at Harrisburg, unpaid subscriptions, as follows :

Rev. J. H. Menges, Columbia,		$17 00
" G. Hinterleitner, Kutztown,		5 00
" E. Peixoto, Tohickon church,		1 00
" J. Bahl, Salem's	"	6 00
" W. J. Eyer, Mahoning	"	5 00
" C. Rees, Imanuel's	"	5 00
" F. Walz, Steinthal	"	20 00
" " Zion's (Huber's)	church,	5 00
" " St. John's	"	19 00
" " St. James'	"	5 00
" " St. Peter's	"	15 00
" E. A. Bauer, Weissport	"	3 00
" Aug. Bergner, St Peter's	"	7 00
" " Hummel's	"	10 00
" John N. Hoffman, Lebanon	"	5 00

BENJAMIN KELLER,
Former Agent.

Hereupon,

XXXIV. *Resolved*, that the Brethren who have collected and handed over during present session of Synod, unpaid subscriptions to the German Professorship, receive the thanks of this body, and that all the Brethren in whose congregations subscriptions still remain unpaid, be requested, as far as possibly, to collect the same during the coming year, and hand over the same at our next annual session of Synod.

Report of the proceedings of the meeting of Lay-Delegates.

Pursuant to notice given by the President of the "German Evang. Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States," now in session at Harrisburg, a number of the Lay-delegates of this body met in the leeture room of the English Ev. Lutheran Zion's church. Mr. C. J. Ihrie, of Trenton, New Jersey, was called to the chair, and Mr. Valentine Hummel, Jr., of Harrisburg, was appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting, namely to take into consideration the "*Church-Extension*" eause, was stated by Mr. C. A. Morris, of York, and after a free conversation upon the subject by the brethren present, the following resolutions were adopted, viz :

That we highly approve of the plan proposed by the "Church-Extension Society" for the assisting of poor congregations in building houses of worship; that this cause deserves the favorable consideration of the whole church—and that we will seek to promote its interests in the congregations of which we are members.

That the proceedings of this meeting, signed by the chairman and secretary, be laid before the Synod now in session, and that we desire such aetion upon the matter, as will promote the interest and operations of the "Church-Extension Society."

C. J. IHRIE, *Chairman.*

Val. Hummel, Jr. *Seeretary.*

Hereupon,

XXXV. *Resolved*, that we adopt with joy the report of the proceedings of the meeting of our Lay-delegates, and that it be embodied in our published minutes.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, that inasmuch as the funds collected for the extension of the church have not yet been handed over, to the Treasurer, the object of the society appears to have been partially frustrated. Nevertheless, the Synod entertains the hope, that at the approaching meeting of said society, such measures will be adopted, as will seeure the regular remittance and appropriation of all the funds donated to this noble cause.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, that our Delegates to the General Synod, be instructed to recommend to "*The Church-Extension Society*," to advise our pastors and church-councils, to collect funds for this object within their respective congregations, in the manner that may seem most appropriate to them.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Weinman.

This evening, Dr. C. F. Schæffer delivered the Ordination sermon.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Thursday, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. J. Albert.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

A "Statute-Plan of a Minister's, Widow's, Orphan and Emerite Fund," forwarded by Rev. Heydenreich, was read before Synod.

Hereupon,

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, that our Delegates to the General Synod co-

operate in the formation of a general society in aid of a "Minister's, Widow's, Orphan and Emerite Fund," provided that they, after familiarizing themselves with the constitution thereof, deem such a society desirable, and that they report again to us.

Report of the Committee on the Education-cause.

The Committee, to whom the consideration of the Education-cause was entrusted, have the honor to report, as follows:

In their judgement, Resolutions 40th and 41st, passed at our last Synodical session, with reference thereunto, will suffice, provided the following be added:

XXXIX. *Resolved*, that we retain the control of all the funds collected by our pastors for the Education-cause, and support them with worthy students within our own Synodical bounds, provided we have such; should we have none such we will aid them with the Parent-Education Society, provided it need such aid; in return for which, we will apply for aid from said Parent-Society, in case we require it, for the support of students within our own Synodical bounds.

We moreover would incite the Brethren, to renewed zeal and activity in this good cause.

E. PEIXOTO,
C. A. HAY.

This report, together with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted, and on motion of C. F. Schæffer, D. D., it was

XL. *Resolved*, that the Executive Committee be authorized to take charge of the Education of *four* young men during the current year, and that the expenses be defrayed out of the funds of the Synod not otherwise appropriated.

XLI. *Resolved*, that a full and particular report of the character and progress of the students, under the charge of this body, be prepared and presented before Synod from year to year.

The Committee, appointed to present to Synod resolutions expressive of the thanks of this body toward all who aided in the publication of the Liturgy, reported.

The recommendations of the Committee, referring to Rev. C. R. Demme, D. D., Rev. W. J. Mann, and Publisher, H. Ludwig, were adopted by Synod as resolutions of this body, and Synod has hereby in an appropriate manner discharged its duty in this respect. (See Minute-Book.)

The Committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of last year, respectfully direct the attention of the Synod to the following resolutions:

Resolution XLIX, p. 35: "Resolved, that a committee be appointed, who shall report at the next annual meeting, by-laws, rules or regulations for conducting the business of this body, supplementary to those contained in Chapter IX of the constitution of this body."

Resolution LIII, p. 37: "Resolved, that the committee, appointed last year to draft a constitution and charter for our congregations, and lay the same before the Synod, be continued."

Respectfully,

GEO. F. MILLER,
J. C. SCHMIDT.

The Committee referred to in Resolution XLIX, was discharged; the Committee referred to in Resolution LIII, was continued, and instructed to report at the next annual session.

Rev. E. Peixoto, and the Delegates, Fry and Kamp, obtained permission to return home.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Eggers.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Boyer.

Report of the Committee on Religious Instruction.

The Committee, appointed to prepare and circulate among our church-councils a pastoral address upon the importance of having religious instructions imparted in the schools, attended by the children of our church-members, respectfully report, that they have discharged their duty in this respect. The address was first forwarded to our church-councils and congregations, and afterwards published in all our *English* and *German* church-papers.

S. K. BROBST,
B. M. SCHMUCKER.

This report was adopted.

Report of the Committee upon the Circulation of Books.

The Committee, appointed to circulate appropriate Lutheran books among our members, respectfully report, that Mr. G. A. Zeisler was appointed to act as Colporteur, and provided with a suitable stock of select works, but that owing to sickness, he could not labor as efficiently as the Committee would have desired. A beginning only has therefore been made in the cause. The Committee received fifty dollars out of the Synodical treasury, of which, one half has been appropriated towards the purchasing of books; the other half remains in the hands of the Committee for future appropriation. The time for which the Committee was appointed having expired, it remains with Synod to determine, whether it shall be re-appointed or no.

S. K. BROBST,
B. M. SCHMUCKER.

The report was accepted.

XLII. *Resolved*, that the Committee be re-appointed, and empowered to act as circumstances may warrant.

Inasmuch as it is the opinion of Synod, that the building of Union-churches is productive rather of strife and contention than of christian love and union, therefore be it herewith,

XLIII. *Resolved*, that we again advise all our congregations, to erect no Union-churches, in future.

A petition from the St. John's congregation, in Lancaster, for withdrawal from our Synodical connection, was presented to Synod, whereupon it was

XLIV. *Resolved*, that said petition be respectfully referred back to

said congregation, in the hope that the resolutions be reseinded, and the congregation continue to labor in connection with the Brethren of this Synod.

XLV. *Resolved*, that the Committee, appointed to draft general regulations for church-government, impart to the honorable Synod of New York, what has been done by them in this matter, and that they request said Synod to appoint a similar Committee to co-operate with them in this cause; and that our Committee present at our next annual session a report of all their proceedings.

XLVI. *Resolved*, that St. James' congregation in New Germany, N. J., be received into Synodical connection with us.

XLVII. *Resolved*, that Brother Brobst be authorized to publish an Almanac for A. D. 1856.

The Committee, appointed to act with reference to the bequest of a certain Mr. Kuehnle, of Schuylkill county, reported that they could do nothing in the matter; the committee was therefore discharged.

In answer to certain queries, addressed to Synod, by the committee appointed to translate the Liturgy into English, with reference to the work entrusted to them, it was

XLVIII. *Resolved*, that the Committee decide which portion of the Liturgy shall first be translated, and that said portion be submitted for examination to Synod at our next annual session.

XLIX. *Resolved*, that the usual number of minutes be printed.

Delegates to Corresponding Synods were now chosen:

To the Synod of New York: Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer. Alternate, Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer.

To the West Pennsylvania Synod: Rev. C. A. Hay.

To the Synod of Maryland: Rev. J. H. Menges.

To the East Pennsylvania Synod: Rev. H. S. Miller.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church: Rev. Messrs. G. F. Krotel, and C. A. Hay.

Trinity church, Lancaster, renewed its friendly invitation to Synod, to hold its next annual session in its midst. A friendly invitation of the same purport was also extended by the St. Michael's and Zion's congregation of Philadelphia, whereupon it was

L. *Resolved*, that Trinity church, Lancaster, be the place, and Trinity-Sunday the time of our next annual meeting.

LI. *Resolved*, that we tender our sincere thanks to Rev. Hay and congregation; likewise to the German St. Michael's congregation of Harrisburg, for the love and kindness manifested by them to all the Brethren, during our present session.

Hereupon the Synod adjourned.—See conclusion of the Ministerial-Business.

In the evening a discourse was delivered by Rev. F. A. Anspach, of the Maryland Synod.

II. MISSIONARY BUSINESS.

Tuesday evening, June 5th, the Synod held its annual Missionary meeting in both the Lutheran churches in Harrisburg.

Zion's Church. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. A missionary sermon was then delivered by Rev. G. F. Krotel, from Acts XIII: 2. "Seperate me Barnabas and Saul, etc." The following report was then read.

St. Michael's Church. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. A missionary sermon was then delivered by Rev. E. Peixoto, from Isaiah XL: 3. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, etc." The President then read the following report in the German language:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Read at the annual meeting of the Society, held at Harrisburg, June 5th, 1855.

1. Foreign Missions.

As but few reports of the state of this Mission have reached us this year, our representation of it may lack its usual interest.

We learn from a letter of Brother Heyer to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, that a convention of the Brethren has lately been held in Guntoor, and that various changes have been made among the occupants of the different stations. Brother Heyer has gone to Rajahmundry, Brother Cutter to Guntoor, and it is expected that Brother Snyder will remove to the Palnaud. The Brethren, Cronning and Snyder, recently visited the Palnaud, after which Brother Snyder suffered a severe attack of sickness. Brother Heyer remarks, that the field in East India is very large and that it is very difficult to obtain Laborers.

In a letter from Brother Heyer, dated Feb. 6th, 1855, he says, as follows: "At the last meeting of Synod, in Reading, the wish was expressed, that I should not yet return to America, but still continue my labors in India. The Rev. Synod has so far faithfully sustained me and I feel myself therefore under the greater obligation, as far as possible, to comply with its wishes. But the Brethren should reflect that it is advisable and indeed necessary to send out some younger men to relieve me. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. So far there is but little hope that Missionaries can be sent out from America. Would it not be well, to call some Brethren from Germany? There is, at present, a good opportunity for so doing. The health of my colleague, Brother Heise, requires that he should return to Germany. As you are aware, this Brother was first sent out to Rajahmundry by the North German Missionary Society; but at present is connected with our Society. He has been nine years in India and knows well what kind of men are required for the work. I would therefore advise, that the Rev. Synod should commission Brother Heise, to look out two suitable young men and bring them with him, upon his return to India in 1857. If the Synod should take action upon this subject,

they can address Brother Heise through "Pastor Rautenberg, St. George, Hamburg."

In the event of my withdrawing from the field, which my advancing age renders necessary, the Synod might easily undertake to call two young missionaries from Germany and give each of them 500 dollars for the first three or four years.

I would further advise that Synod should agree with the Executive Committee of the General Synodical Society, to appoint these men to labor in the Palnaud. One should be in Gurgal where there is a Mission-House. The other should be in Polipally where a dwelling should be erected. For this purpose, H. Stokes, Esq., has already given us $500, which are now drawing interest in Madras, and are to be paid over upon the arrival of a new Missionary for this station.

My three pupils, W. L. Passavant, Enoch and John, who have been trained for teachers and catechists, wish me to present their grateful salutations to the Synod. We cherish the hope that our Brethren in America will remember us all in their supplications and prayers.

"The Grace of our Lord be with you all. Amen."

2. Home Missions.

During the past year, the Brethren Popp, Georgii, and C. M. Jæger, have terminated their services as missionaries of the Synod. During the same time the Brethren in Texas have not been in our employ.

Brother Popp, who had been in St. Paul's church in Birmingham, has accepted an appointment from the "*American and Foreign Christian Union*," and now labors as the Missionary of that society among the Germans in St. Louis.

For the first six months of the past year, Pastor Georgii was laboring in the congregations at Camden, New Germany, and Hainesport, New Jersey. During the previous year, the corner-stone of a German Luth. church had been laid in Camden with the assistance of the President and Secretary of Synod. The progress of building however was soon arrested. Brother Georgii endeavored of anew to stir up the spirit of the people, and it seemed for a while that his earnest efforts would be successful. But contrary to all our expections the members, at a meeting in October, 1854, resolved to give up the church, to dissolve the congregation, and to dismiss the minister. Pastor Georgii is engaged at present in the neighborhood of Tamaqua.

Pastor C. M. Jæger has been ministering in the congregation at Wilmington, Del., nearly 3 years. During the last year his health has suffered much, and in his report of last December he says, that unless it should soon improve he would be compelled to withdraw from the ministry, at least for a time.

His hopes of recovery have been painfully disappointed and the weakness of his breast has increased so much as to incapacitate him for the labors of the pulpit. Nothing remained for him but the painful duty of relinquishing his post.

In his report of last March, he informs us that at the end of that month, he would withdraw from his labors and for the purpose of regaining his strength, with the Divine Blessing, would take up his abode in Reading.

During the time of his residence in Wilmington, he preached on the

Lord's day, morning and afternoon, and in the last Synodical year, he baptized 19 children, confirmed 2 young converts, married 3 couple, attended 4 funerals, and administered the Lord's Supper to 74 persons.

The Brethren in Texas whom we had formerly assisted, have been for the last year connected with the "Home Missionary Society." They have accordingly received nothing from our treasury during the year now closed.

The following Brethren are at this time in the employ of Synod, viz: Pastor J. F. Wilken, of Wartburg, Tennessee; Pastor G. F. Gærtner, of Manayunk, Pa.; Pastor B. Keller, missionary in Philadelphia, and the Brethren in Wisconsin and Canada. Candidate Pierhssen who labors among the Swedes in the city of New York has also received aid from our funds.

The report of Pastor J. F. Wilken, of Tennessee, is as follows: "In transmitting my report for the year 1854—55, I cannot refrain from expressing the gratitude of my heart to the Rev. Synod, not only for its recommendation that I should continue a year longer in my present position, but also for its kind and valuable assistance, through which I have been enabled to carry out its recommendation. Although with the increasing difficulties in the way of obtaining the necessaries of life in this place, I do not see how I can continue longer here, yet in view of the kind care of the Master who appoints the Laborers in his vineyard, who has given me the victory in so many painful conflicts, and who has always triumphed over my anxious fears, I will not presume to withstand his Providence nor to repeat my wish of retiring from my present position. I am resolved to continue here until the guidings of Providence shall have clearly pointed out the duty of removing. I do not wish this expression of my feelings to be considered as an appeal to the Synod for further aid. I commit the matter of my support to the tender care of Him in whose service I am engaged and cast all my care upon him who careth for us.

The next circumstance upon which I am able to speak with a joyful and thankful heart, is the finishing of the church-building and its consecration on Palm-Sunday. Its location is altogether favorable and its appearance both externally and internally is neat and attractive.

According to the terms of the contract it should have been finished last October, but the prevaling drought, the scarcity of laborers and a variety of other circumstances, delayed the accomplishment of the work until this spring.

The ceremonies of the consecration were immediately followed, by the administration of Baptism, Confirmation and the Lord's Supper. The preaching of the Word was very largely attended on Good-Friday and the Easter festival. Many were present who had long absented themselves from the church. We hope they will continue their attendance, and that many who have been waiting for the completion of the church, will now remember their promise to unite with the household of faith.

As our church is altogether Lutheran and strict in its adherence to Lutheran principles, the German Reformed and especially the Swiss are not in communion with us. Yet some of them attend the church, send their children to our school, and have had several of their young people confirmed. Our church includes a number of families of a

truly devout and religious spirit, and on the last Lord's day, we received another family, which by its living faith and active zeal, bids fair to become a blessing to the church. In all this we rejoice the more, because our church has suffered somewhat on account of the removal of some of our members to distant parts.

Upon the whole, the church is but a little flock in comparison with the numbers who attend public worship, without becoming members. These persons, in cases of necessity, seek counsel of the pastor, but alledge various reasons in excuse, for not uniting with the church. It must be added, especially of the immigrants who have more recently arrived, that they are not only indifferent but even decided in their unbelief, and of a bitter spirit in regard to the Gospel. In cases of marriage, they resort to the civil magistrate, allow their children to grow up unbaptized, and are satisfied to send them only for a short time to an English school. In my school, where I teach both German and English, I seek not only to labor for the church, but also to secure and draw the children to it; and it is very mortifying when, as in the case of many, this means also fails. It is not necessary that I should yet add, that I am not satisfied with the results of my labors. But in view of my partial success and hoping for more, I thank God and take courage.

My report for the last year is as follows: Baptized 15, confirmed 4, married 4 couple, communicants 139, funerals 3.

In conclusion I hope that my absence from Synod will be excused, on account of the great distance and the heavy expenses of the journey.

The following is the report of Pastor G. F. Gærtner, of Manayunk. We review the past year with feelings of joy and thankfulness to the Great Head of the church. Although we were severely tried during the last hard winter, yet we can now say that by the blessing of God our circumstances have improved. As many of our members are operatives in the different factories, and their wages were low and work scarce, there was a large number who could hardly manage to provide their families with daily bread. Owing to these things, about ten families, and amongst them some of the most zealous and active, removed from this place to seek a new home in the far West. At this time, however, our hopes are reviving. Several new members have joined us: and now our number is larger than before. The interest taken in the affairs of the church is very lively, and this is particularly manifested at this time in their undertaking to erect a parsonage, so that they may the more readily retain a pastor in their midst.

The report of the past year is as follows: Baptized 26, confirmed 8, communicants 131, marriages 12, funerals 15. The Sunday school has about 60 children.

In the congregation at Germantown, originally collected by Pastor C. W. Schæffer, I preached at first every 4 weeks, subsequently every 2 weeks. Now, however, as the congregation is fully organized and gave me a regular call on the 1st of May, I preach there every Sunday, once in the morning and for 3 successive Sundays in the afternoon. At first we held our services in St. Michael's church, Germantown, but now for the purpose of coming together occasionally in the morning, we meet in the church of the Mennonists, a building which they do not often use, and where they kindly permit us to meet gratuitously.

We have at present about 30 members in Germantown, and as there are many Germans in that vicinity we hope, with the blessing of the Lord, to succeed in building up a flourishing congregation. We hope in a short time to have our own church, as a small lot of ground has been presented to us, and assistance from various quarters has been promised. In Germantown I baptized 5, buried 3, marriages 2, communicants 31.

Pastor B. Keller reports as follows: It is known that Synod, during its meeting in Reading in 1854, appointed me to labor as Missionary in the District of Kensington, Philadelphia, and to endeavor with the aid of the pastors and corporation of St. Michael's and Zion churches to organize a new congregation there. The Brethren Kuemmerlen, Gentner, and Schlegelmilch were appointed by the Missionary Society of St. Michael's and Zion a committee to co-operate with me in providing a suitable place for the exercises of public worship. After considerable inquiry, we secured a convenient place, called Phœnix Hall, for the use of which, with fire, lights and sexton's services, we have to pay $2.50 every Monday morning.

I began preaching in this Hall on the Lord's day, Nov. 5th, 1854, and had about 30 hearers. Our meetings were continued there until Dec. 3d. Until this time Mr. John Schlegelmilch was the only person who actively stood by my side. As the number of hearers had increased, it was thought advisable, to appoint some persons to attend to the payment of our expenses and take the necessary measures for organizing the church. Accordingly six brethren were regularly elected, who have faithfully and efficiently co-operated with me in the prosecution of our important undertaking.

As we had relinquished the use of Phœnix Hall, the vestry rented another place on Frankford Road, called Central Hall. This Hall is every way more convenient, whilst the rent is somewhat lower. We pay the rent with our regular Sunday collections, as far as they go, and the corporation of St. Michael's and Zion make up the deficiency. I have been preaching in this Hall since Dec. 10th, 1854, and I am most happy to be able to report, that the number of hearers has been constantly increasing. On Sunday, February 4th, 1855, I preached in the morning upon the advantages of a well-regulated Sunday-School, and opened a Sunday-School at 2 o'clock, P. M. We began with 41 children and 10 teachers, now we have between 90 and 100 children.

Before I organized the Sunday-School I gave instruction to the children every two weeks. This exercise I still continue in the Sunday-School once every four weeks, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

After due notice a goodly number of Lutheran Brethren came together in Central Hall, on Friday evening, April 27th, 1855, for the purpose of regularly organizing a new church in the District of Kensington. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Glæsser, and Mr. Fr. Genth was appointed Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer. A constitution was proposed by a committee that had been appointed to prepare it, and as the several articles were read by the Secretary, they were regularly adopted.

After the Brethren had signed the constitution, an Election was held. Five elders and four deacons were chosen as church-council and I was elected pastor. On April 28th, the brethren thus chosen as a council

were publicly installed according to the forms of our church. So the congregation is now fully organized and we trust grounded upon Jesus Christ the corner-stone.

On Sunday, May 13th, I preached my introductory sermon and on May 27th, administered the Lord's supper for the first time to 152 communicants.

I cannot close this part of my report without expressing to Dr. Demme, and Pastors Mann and Wenzel, my sincere thanks for their efficient aid in the organization of this church, and to the corporation of St. Michael's and Zion for the generous support they have so far extended to us.

In connection with Kensington, I have been ministering in Immanuel's church in Frankford, Philadelphia. I preached for the first time there, Oct. 29th, 1854. This congregation was organized more than 60 years ago. Peculiar circumstances had produced dissatisfaction among the people and the congregation had become almost extinct. Since the re-organizing and the incorporation of the church, peace has been completely restored. A church-council has been chosen in accordance with the charter which the regular corporation now holds and manages the property belonging to the congregation.

On January 16th, 1855, C. F. Hœckley, Esq., informed me that I had been unanimously chosen pastor of this church at an election, held on the 14th of the same month. I accepted the call and preached my introductory sermon, January 28th. On April 21st, I conducted the services preparatory to the communion, and on the following Lord's day administered the Lord's supper for the first time. On this occasion there were 50 new members added to the church. This was a joyful time both for myself and the congregation. So far I have administered the Lord's supper to 59 communicants and baptized 21. In conclusion, I will add that of 4 Sundays, I preach on 3 in Kensington, mornings and evenings, and every two weeks in Frankford.

Pastor Schoch, of the English Lutheran congregation in the city of New York, has sent us the following report of the Swedish Mission in that city : "As the Executive Committee of the Synod of Pennsylvania has contributed $50 in aid of the Swedish Mission here, it is proper that a short statement of its origin, its present condition, and its prospects should be furnished for Synod.

The necessity of a mission among the Scandinavians in the city of New York had long been felt and spoken of. Nothing had been done, however, until about one year ago, when Mr. Pierhssen, a pious young Swede, began to visit his countrymen from house to house, and to preach to them on the Lord's days in the basement of St. James' church. The undertaking was so successful, that in the space of 6 months, they were able to organize a congregation. Pastor Hasselquist came from the West to New York for this purpose. Mr. Pierhssen has been licensed by the New York Ministerium and is now the pastor of the congregation.

Connected with this congregation there are 25 families. The number of communicants is 35. Between 70 and 100 attend public worship. The Scandinavian population of New York is estimated at 3000 and is increasing every season. The Baptists and Methodists have established missions amongst them, and the Lutheran church ought

o be even the first in providing for the spiritual wants of her own nembers. So far this Mission has had no further aid than what the Synods of Pennsylvania and New York have extended to it. Each of these bodies granted $50 last year. It is hoped that the Synod of Pennsylvania will grant it $100 during the present year.

Brother J. Muehlhæuser has reported, as follows, concerning the Missions in Wisconsin: "Doubtless, the several brethren who have been assisted by the Synod of Pennsylvania, have furnished their reports according to instruction to the Executive Committee already. I also will address the Committee.

Many discouragements attend our labors in Wiseonsin of which you have no conception. Infidelity has struck its roots deeply and the prevalence of corruption is great. There are eight dancing places open in Milwaukie every Sunday. I myself have on several occasions been beset with shameful violence by the enemies of the Gospel and its ministry. Though perplexed at times, yet I do not despair, for I know that Christ shall rule in the midst of his enemies, and triumph over every evil. During the past year the pew-rent of my church brought in $241 eash. This was my salary. For the present year we expect an income of $325 for pew-rents. The congregation has been increasing, and although I cannot specify any particular conversions, yet I cannot but say that the blessing of the Lord has been with us. In view of the great prevalenee of immorality in this city, I have this year obtained from my 21 catechumens a pledge that they will never go to a dance. Should they break this pledge, still their having given it, is on their part a testimony against the prevailing wickedness of the place. Whilst the Church has been increasing, the power of the Devil has been sinking. A certain infidel paper, full of profanity, has died out. The Editor of the "People's Friend," who had been circulating the poison of his infidelity, by means of the Press, has now gone to his plaee. We have to say the same of another infidel, who had a part in the publication of the "Banner." During the year, the free congregation has fallen to pieees, and the man who harrangued them, has become insane. These are evidences that God hears prayer, and grants Graee to his people. His name be praised!

Probably Brother Weitbrecht has himself informed you of his having accepted a call from a new eongregation in Miehigan. His labors have been successful under the Lord's blessing, but he has hardly been able to live in Wisconsin. The congregation in Miehigan has pledged him an adequate support. I am however sorry for the field which he leaves, and for which I know as yet of no other laborer.

In compliance with the wishes of the Committee, Brother Goldammer has organized a Lutheran church in Manitawni. The work has succeeded so well that the congregation wishes to have the whole time of the pastor. Manitawni is a very thriving plaee and bids fair to become a city of very great importance. We ought to have a godly Lutheran pastor for this place.

Brother Wrede met with many discouragements during the last year, but now matters seem to be in better condition. Pastor Huber, who had once been a Roman Priest, is laboring in a eongregation in Kenuscha. He has had some assistance from the General Synod.

Kenuscha could perhaps be connected with Racine, and Huber migh occupy a different field.

The rest of the Brethren, Kuehler, Sauer, Kuester, Buehren and Lanerd, are laboring with success, but as they obtain no assistance from abroad, their circumstances are very narrow.

We ought to have three more men in the field in Wisconsin—young men and full of Missionary zeal. Such men only will answer for these parts.

Our small Synod consists of pious efficient men, who preach the Gospel of their own personal experience. Although we belong to the Lutheran church, yet we consider that it is vastly more important *to be truly faithful*, than only to profess to have the true doctrine. We hope the Committee will use its influence with the Synod to obtain some assistance for our needy Brethren during the coming year.

Our Synod meets also on Trinity Sunday, in Milwaukie, and immediately afterwards I hope to be able to inform you which of the Brethren are especially in need of help. In case any faithful pastor should be at your Synodical meetings, who desires to come to the West, we hope you will send him to us.

We desire to be remembered by the Brethren of the Synod in love, and to the expression of our thankfulness we add the assurances of our prayers for the blessing of the Lord upon your meeting.

During the past year we have operated among the German Immigrants of Canada West, through the Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Synod. Nowhere has the progress of the Truth been more gratifying than among our long neglected Brethren of this Province.

An extended report of the five Missions in Canada would require too much time—and therefore we communicate the following particulars: Our Missionaries have under their care fourteen mission churches, all of which, with a single exception, are represented as in a flourishing condition. The past year has been a time of unusual struggle, persecution, and conflict—and the whole power of the Satanic Press has been brought to bear against our Brethren, one of whom was even imprisoned, through the machinations of the enemy. But it has also been a year of remarkable success, and the Word preached has not been without many happy results.—In many places large classes of catechumens were confirmed, and in one mission, a number of entire families were baptized. One church was consecrated, a second extricated from debt. Several greatly reduced their debts. One new church is nearly finished. Three congregations were organized within the year, and the small German church in Toronto, the Capital of the Province, has purchased ground for the erection of a house of worship. A comfortable brick parsonage was erected by a church on one of the *hopeless* of the missions, and entirely paid for by the contributions of the people. The cry for more laborers in Canada is loud and earnest, but owing to the want of suitable persons, the active force has not been increased during the year. We are gratified to learn that the Missionary Committee of the Pittsburg Synod design sending two or three additional laborers to this interesting field, where the harvest is literally perishing for want of laborers.

The Missions among the German immigrants of Texas, which for two years were aided by our Society, are now happily provided for, by the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod.

I. *Resolved*, (at the Eighth Session) that all applications for Missionary-aid be referred to the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society.

Committee:
REV. J. C. BAKER, D. D.,
" A. T. GEISSENHAINER,
" C. W. SCHÆFFER,
" W. J. MANN,
" G. A. WENZEL,
" B. KELLER,
MR. JOHN U. KUEMMERLEN,
" CHRISTIAN J. FŒLL.

III. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday, 10½ *o'clock*, *A. M.*

I. *Resolved*, That the Brethren, B. Keller, A. S. Link, J. J. Reimensnyder, David M. Henkel, George Hains, and W. N. Scholl—(as soon as he present to the President an honorable dismission from the Synod of New York)—be received as members of this Ministerium.

II. *Resolved*, That the following applicants be admitted to examination, viz: Messrs. Charles A. Baer, Ferdinand Berkemeyer, William Dœrnbach, Henry Vosseler, and J. H. C. Schierenbeck.

III. *Resolved*, That Rev. Wm. Heilig be honorably dismissed from this Synod to the Synod of Maryland.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Prayer by C. F. Schæffer, D. D.

The Brethren to whom the sermons and diaries of the Candidates were entrusted for examination, reported that they had found the same satisfactory. Whereupon it was

IV. *Resolved*, That the Candidates, Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, John W. Hosseler, and Edward A. Scharretts, be ordained on to-morrow evening.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, 4 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Report of the Examination Committee.

Your Committee respectfully report:

a) That five Candidates presented themselves for examination, in reference to whose fitness and ability the Committee endeavored to inform themselves as accurately as possible.

b) That the thorough Examination of Messrs. Charles A. Baer and

Ferdinand Berkemeyer in the various Theological Branches, resulted most satisfactorily.

c) That together with the above, they would also recommend Messrs. Henry Vosseler, Wm. Dœrnbach, and J. H. C. Schierenbeck, to licensure, and that principally, on account of the peculiar circumstances of said Brethren, and for the sake of thereby securing for them a proper field of labor in the church.

YOUR COMMITTEE.

Hereupon it was

V. *Resolved*, That the above Applicants be licensed this evening.

VI. *Resolved*, That Candidate Ernst Luebkert also be *ordained*, as soon as he receive a call from any congregation, and present the same to the President; and that in case the Officers of the Synod have not time to attend to his ordination, the President appoint a committee for that purpose.

VII. *Resolved*, That Rev. Martin Sondhaus be dismissed from this Synod to the Synod of Tennessee.

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday,

VIII. *Resolved*, That the complaints presented against Rev. Sallman, be referred to the Sixth Conference.

On Wednesday evening, at the conclusion of the Ordination Sermon, preached from Ev. Mark x: 1, by Rev. C. F. Schæffer, D. D., the Candidates, Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, John W. Hosseler, and Edward A. Scharretts, presented themselves at the alter, and were in the usual manner solemnly ordained by the Officers of the Synod, to the ministry of reconciliation. After which Messrs. Charles A. Baer, Ferdinand Berkemeyer, William Dœrnbach, Henry Vosseler, and J. H. C. Schierenbeck, presented themselves at the alter, where they were empowered by the President, to perform all *Actus Ministeriales* in such congregations as may be assigned them.

On Thursday, between the hours of 5 and 6, P. M., the President declared all Business-matters to be transacted, and closed this year's Synodical and Ministerial Session with singing and prayer, according to the prescribed Liturgical formula.

May the Great Lord and Head of the Church, bless all that has been transacted in accordance with his will, and cause all to redound to the praise of his holy name, to the extension of his church, and to the salvation of immortal souls.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing, is a correct account of the transactions of the "German Ev. Luth. Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States," convened in Harrisburg, Pa., from the 3d to the 7th of June, A. D. 1855.

AUGUSTUS T. GEISSENHAINER,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

ADDENDA.

The following amounts were received by the Treasurer, after the adjournment of the last annual session of Synod, and are therefore not acknowledged in the minutes for A. D. 1854, viz :

Rec'd of Rev. J. Albert, funds collected in Lancaster county,	$8	70
" Ev. Luth. church in Salona, Clinton county, Pa.,	5	00
" Rev. W. Gerhardt, of Northampton county, Pa.,	15	00
" Ev. Luth. church in Wilmington, Del.,	13	00
Rec'd as percentage from sale of Hymn Books,	163	17
" per Mr. F. Gentner, of the German Ev. Lutheran St. Michael's and Zion's congregation in Philadelphia,	350	00
Total,	$554	87

C. W. SCHÆFFER.
Treasurer.

June 7th, 1855.

MINUTES

OF THE

SPECIAL SESSION

OF THE

"GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ADJACENT STATES,"

HELD AT READING, BERKS COUNTY,

August 1st, A. D. 1855.

In accordance with Resolution XVII, passed at the annual session of the Synod, held at Harrisburg, during Trinity week of the present year, and in response to the call of the President, the members of the "German Ev. Luth. Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States," assembled in special convention, on Wednesday, the first day of August, A. D. 1855, at 9 o'clock, A. M., in Trinity church, Reading, for the purpose of consulting with each other in reference to the German Professorship.

FIRST SESSION.

The Session was opened in due order with singing and prayer. After which the names of the clergy were called, and the names of the lay-delegates recorded.

It resulted as follows: present,

Names of Ministers.	Residences.	Names of Lay-Delegates.
Rev. *J. C. Baker, D. D.*,	Philadelphia,	
" *F. W. Geissenhainer*,	New York,	
" *Benjamin Keller*,	Philadelphia,	
" *W. J. Mann*, }	"	John Seffert.
" *G. A. Wenzel*, }	"	Lewis Rœsch.
" *E. Peixoto*,	Tylersport,	Benjamin Johnson.
" *H. S. Miller*,	Lebanon,	Frederick Stover.
" *Joshua Jæger*,	Allentown,	Dr. David O. Moser.
" *C. F. Schæffer, D. D.*,	Easton,	George Straub.
" *Isaac Rœller*,	Kutztown,	
" *Jeremiah Schindel*,	South Whitehall,	
" *Andrew Fuchs*,	Bath,	Andrew Houpt.
" *J. N. Hoffman*,	Reading,	Dr. H. H. Muhlenberg.
" *C. W. Schæffer*,	Germantown,	
" *L. G. Eggers*,	Stouchsburg,	George Scharf.
" *W. G. Mennig*,	Pottsville,	
" *A. T. Geissenhainer*,	Trenton, N. J.,	
" *J. W. Vogelbach*,	Allentown,	John Krause.
" *A. G. Georgii*,	Tuscarora,	
" *C. A. Hay*,	Harrisburg,	Weidner W. Boyer.
" *E. Aug. Bauer*,	Lehighton,	
" *F. A. M. Keller*,	Reading,	Horatio Trexler.
" *John Kohler*,	New Holland,	
" *Nathan Jæger*,	New Hanover,	Jacob Gottschall.

Names of Ministers.	Residences.	Names of Lay-Delegates.
Rev. *J. C. Schmidt*,	Bernville,	
" *Aug. Bergner*,	Greenbriar,	
" *F. Walz*,	Berrrysburg,	
" *W. Weaver*,	Phœnixville,	
" *Louis Heydenreich*,	Bethlehem,	
" *C. M. Jæger*,	Reading,	
" *S. K. Brobst*,	Allentown,	
" *G. F. Miller*,	Pottstown,	George Richards.
" *T. T. Jæger*,	Reading,	
" *R. S. Wagner*,	"	Samuel Potteiger.
" *W. G. Laitzle*,	Elizabethtown,	
" *B. M. Schmucker*,	Allentown,	Christian Pretz.
" *Julius Ehrhard*,	Schuylkill Haven,	
" *G. A. Hinterleitner*,	Kutztown,	Daniel Bieber.
" *S. R. Boyer*,	McEwensville.	
" *John Weinman*,	Baltimore,	
" *A. S. Link*,	Trappe,	
" *Geo. F. Gærtner*,	Manayunk,	
" *F. A. Muhlenberg*,	Gettysburg,	
	Bethlehem,	Henry Getz.

Cand. *Charles A. Baer* and *Ferdinand Berkemeyer*.

The following Brethren were received as advisory members: Rev. Drs. Kranth and Schmauck, Rev. Messrs. Wedekind, Albert, Eyster, Brown, Worley, Reimensnyder, and Rev. Messrs. Leinbach and Good of the German Reformed Church.

Hereupon, the President read the following Report:

Rev. Fathers and Brethren!

During the last Session of Synod, held at Harrisburg, Rev. C. F. Schæffer, D. D., was nominated as a candidate for the German Professorship in the Institutions at Gettysburg, and a respite of four weeks was granted him to take the matter into consideration, and determine whether or no he would accept of said nomination. Dr. Schæffer has declined said nomination, and therefore have I, in accordance with the duty imposed upon me, called together this special convention of Synod, in order that this body may make another nomination, or adopt such measures as under existing circumstances may be deemed by it most necessary and expedient.

May the Great Head of the Church, our ever adorable Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in his infinite mercy, so manifest his presence in our midst, and so direct our deliberations, that brotherly love and peace may remain inviolate, and the welfare of the Church be advanced.

JOHN C. BAKER,

Reading, Aug. 1st, 1855. *President.*

After the reading of the above report, Dr. Schæffer was requested to state his reasons for not accepting of the nomination for the German Professorship.

Hereupon, the following Resolutions were presented to Synod:

Whereas, Dr. C. F. Schæffer has not accepted of the Professorship,

whereunto he was unanimously elected at the late Session of Synod held at Harrisburg, Pa.; and

Whereas, he has felt himself constrained for certain reasons, conditionally to hand in his resignation, therefore be it herewith

I. *Resolved*, That his resignation be not accepted.

II. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Officers of Synod, in addition to five pastors and five lay-delegates, who shall prepare and present a preamble, in which the Synod shall plainly and decidedly declare itself with reference to the historical connection of the endowment of a German Professorship in Pennsylvania College, and in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, as set forth in the Synodical minutes from A. D. 1846—A. D. 1855; in which moreover Synod shall plainly and decidedly declare itself with reference to the conditions on which the funds were collected for the endowment of said Professorship; Moreover said Committee shall annex to said preamble, certain resolutions, embodying the conditions on which Synod will endow said Professorship in the Institutions at Gettysburg.

III. *Resolved*, That Rev. Dr. Baker, President of the Ministerium, be Chairman of said Committee.

These resolutions were adopted unanimously. Thereupon, the President appointed the following Brethren, in addition to the Officers of the Synod, to constitute said Committee, viz:

Rev. Messrs. B. Keller, C. A. Hay, W. J. Mann, E. Peixoto, Joshua Jæger, and Lay-Delegates H. H. Muhlenberg, M. D., John Seffert, Lewis Rœsch, Christian Pretz, and Horatio Trexler.

Resolved, That we now hold a Ministerial Session.

This was done, and upon motion, it was

Resolved, That Candidate Ferdinand Berkemeyer be ordained this evening. The Synod adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Wenzel.

SECOND SESSION.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Hay.

Report of the Committee appointed during the Morning Session.

The Committee, appointed during the morning session, with reference to the important question now before us, would respectfully report, as follows:

Your Committee, in accordance with the resolutions of Synod, have examined the historical connection of the endowment of the German Professorship, and discovered, that this Synod as early as A. D. 1846, recognized the necessity of educating young men for the Ministry in the German language; that this Synod already then, as well as afterwards, contemplated and urged the endowment of such a Professorship, and that too, within our own Synodical bounds; but that owing to various difficulties, it was hindered in the execution of its plans, so that afterwards, in consequence of the proposals tendered it by the Directors of the College and one of the Professors of the Seminary, it was resolved, that Synod will endow a Professorship of the German language and literature in Pennsylvania College at Gettys-

burg, and that said Professor shall be obligated to devote a portion of his time to the imparting of Theological instruction in the Seminary located there.

Your Committee has furthermore discovered, that according to the views of the Synod, the wants of our German church will only then be supplied, provided said Professor devote *half his time* to the imparting of Theological instruction in the Seminary, as is expressly stated in one of the resolutions passed at the late annual Session of Synod, held at Harrisburg. In the opinion of your Committee, their can therefore exist no doubt with reference to the chief point involved, viz: that the German Professorship now in question, was endowed also for the purpose of imparting German instruction in Theology in the Seminary at Gettysburg; which is moreover evident from the fact, that the respective donations to said fund were contributed on said condition.

In additon to the above historical results, your Committee feels itself obligated respectfully to submit the following:

Whereas this Synod has learned that owing to certain difficulties, the Brother nominated for the Professorship by us at Harrisburg, has declined said nomination; and,

Whereas Synod has learned wherein said difficulties consist, and is convinced that said difficulties must be removed, in order that the object contemplated by Synod in the endowment of said Professorship, and the nomination of a Professor thereunto, be attained; and

Whereas Synod has constantly and unmovedly to keep in view the necessities of our Lutheran church, and especially of the *German portion* thereof, therefore be it herewith

I. *Resolved*, That the German Professor is obligated in the devoting of half his time to instruction in the Seminary, and in all other respects, closely to conform to the regulations laid down in the resolutions passed at Harrisburg.

II. *Resolved*, That the Theological students, who need instruction in the German grammar, receive the same in the College, and that the German Professor impart no instruction in the German grammar in the Seminary.

III. *Resolved*, That after consultation with his colleagues, the German Professor adapt his instructions in the various departments of Theology scrupulously to the necessities of the students who may attend upon his German instructions in the Seminary.

IV. *Resolved*, That said Professor at no time lecture upon the same Theological subject, upon which at that time one of his colleagues is engaged in delivering lectures.

V. *Resolved*, That said Professor consult hereupon with his colleagues, at the beginning of the Session, immediately after the examination of the students.

VI. *Resolved*, That we respectfully present these resolutions to the Directors of the Seminary, and request their serious examination and adoption of the same.

VII. *Resolved*, That we entertain the hope that all difficulties will be removed, by the fraternal conduct and agreement of the Professors of the Seminary, and by a cheerful subordination to the necessities of the students, who are at the same time the Students of the Church.

VIII. *Resolved*, That, provided the Directors courteously compl with our request, we earnestly renew our endeavors to induce Rev C. F. Schæffer, D. D., to accept of his unanimous election by th Synod, and that we indulge the hope, that his labors in connectio with those of his worthy colleagues, accompanied by God's blessing will prove most beneficial to the Church.

Respectfully, Your Committee,

JOHN C. BAKER,
A. T. GEISSENHAINER,
C. W. SCHÆFFER,
BENJAMIN KELLER,
CHARLES A. HAY,
WILLIAM JULIUS MANN,
E. PEIXOTO,
JOSHUA JÆGER,
H. H. MUHLENBERG,
JOHN SEFFERT,
LEWIS RŒSCH,
CHRISTIAN PRETZ,
HORATIO TREXLER.

The whole of this report was unanimously adopted.

After this, it was

I. *Resolved*, That the Officers of the Synod constitute a Committee to present the above resolutions to the Directors of the Seminary at their next meeting. Should however one or the other be prevented from attending, resolved, that the President be herewith empowered to appoint another in his stead.

II. *Resolved*, That in case Rev. Dr. Schæffer accept of the appointment, he receive in addition to the removal-expenses, annually $100 for house-rent, from the Synodical Treasury.

III. *Resolved*, That in case the Board of Directors do not grant our request, and do not adopt the above resolutions, our President be instructed to convoke as soon as convenient a Special Session of the Synod at Philadelphia.

IV. *Resolved*, That at the close of this evening's services, the President return the thanks of Synod to the dear people of Reading, for the welcome reception we have met with.

Hereupon the Synod was closed in the usual solemn manner.

This evening the congregation met for divine services, and Rev. J. Vogelbach preached an Ordination-Sermon, from Ev. John xxi : 16 ; after which Candidate Ferdinand Berkemeyer presented himself at the altar, and was by prayer and the laying on of hands, solemnly ordained by the Officers of Synod to the ministry of reconciliation.

In conclusion, the President returned the thanks of Synod, to the congregation in whose midst we have been assembled, for their friendly reception of the Brethren, and then dismissed the congregation with the Benediction of the Lord. *The Lord be praised.*

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct account of the transactions of the special convention of Synod, held at Reading, on Wednesday succeeding the Eighth Sunday after Trinity, being the 1st day of August, A. D. 1855.

AUGUSTUS T. GEISSENHAINER,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

APPENDIX.

No. 1. PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF THE MINISTERS according to the date of their ordination.	Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Burials.	Schools.		CONTRIBUTIONS.					REMARKS.
						Congregation	Sunday	Synodical Treasury	Missionary Treasury generally.	Heathen Mission especially.	Schools in India.	Education Fund.	
Rev. W. Bætis, Sen. Min.,													No congregation.
" J. C. Baker, D. D.,	1	28	18	193	24		1						
" J. J. Strein,	4	64	5					$5 00	$5 00				*From Mr. F. of New-York. Contribution of the cong. for the erection of the church in Texas $100.
" F. W. Geissenhainer,	1	280	44	750	150	2	1	3 00	6 50	$6 50	*$1 00		§From the Youth's Missionary Society of St. Michael's and Zion's congregation in Philadelphia.
" H. G. Stecher,	1	16		160	11								†From Mrs. Miller's Morning Sunday School in Norristown. June —Nov. 1854 . . . . . $7 53
" S. Trumbauer,	5	81	21	444	46		2	3 00	16 00				From Mrs. Miller's morning Sunday School in Lebanon since Jan. A. D. 1855 . . 11 05
" B. Keller,	2	21		111	2		1						From the Infant School in Salem's congregation . . 2 39¼
" C. R. Demme, D. D.,													Contribution of the Mission School of Salem's church 33 80
" W. J. Mann,	1							62 12	$100 00				From the Youth's Mission Society of Salem's church 14 75
" G. A. Wenzel,													From the Youth's Missionary Society organized in April 1 43¼
" G. A. Reichert,													From Mrs. Reinœhl's Bible Class 1 50
" S. A. Mealy,													Collection in Jerusalem's church in Annville . . . 9 75
" John Stein,	7	135	59	1050	59		6						Total $82 40
" G. F. J. Jæger,	8	116	84	1235	57	8	3						
" E. Peixoto,	3	96	57	627	52	1		2 00	10 00				
" W. J. Eyer,	6	132	37	690	57		2	2 00	12 00	1 00			
" Josiah Bahl,	8	170	118	652	52		3	5 00	10 00	5 00			
" H. S. Miller,†	1	36	49	400	20		2	5 00	40 00	42 40			
" C. P. Miller,	4	71	45	600	59		1	4 00	6 00				
" J. Medtart,	2	32	27	205	6		2	2 00	6 00				
" W. B. Kæmmerer,	6	106	78	1046	76		4	2 00	5 00	1 00			
" Joshua Jæger,	5	112	60	1000	46		4						
" C. F. Schæffer, D. D.,	1	141	44	393	82		3	5 00	23 75	12 00	*21 50	$7 00	
" Isaac Rœller,	8	203	103	1278	51			4 00	§30 73				
" G. Schulze,													

*From Mr. F. of New-York. Contribution of the cong. for the erection of the church in Texas $100.

§From the Youth's Missionary Society of St. Michael's and Zion's congregation in Philadelphia.

†From Mrs. Miller's Morning Sunday School in Norristown. June —Nov. 1854 . . . . . $7 53

From Mrs. Miller's morning Sunday School in Lebanon since Jan. A. D. 1855 . . 11 05

From the Infant School in Salem's congregation . . 2 39¼

Contribution of the Mission School of Salem's church 33 80

From the Youth's Mission Society of Salem's church 14 75

From the Youth's Missionary Society organized in April 1 43¼

From Mrs. Reinœhl's Bible Class 1 50

Collection in Jerusalem's church in Annville . . . 9 75

Total $82 40

*From the Sunday School of the St. John's church in Easton.

§Of this Sum $3 02 were from the Saving Box of two deceased children in Rev. Roeller's cong.

Rev. Jeremiah Schindel,	9	181	101	2483	67	7	10	$5 00	$65 00			$10 00	
" C. F. Welden,								5 00	34 37½				
" Andrew Fuchs,	5	116	18	506	45				30 00				
" J. Albert,	3	20		263	7		3						
" J. N. Hoffman,	1	85	109	500	25		2	10 00	*108 22				*$41 48 from the Sunday School.
" C. W. Schæffer,	1	28	8	270	27		2	1 00	35 00				
" L. G. Eggers,	4	67	82	680	34		2	1 00	*33 75				*Tulpehocken congregation $15 00 Rehrersburg " 13 93 Millcreek " 4 82
" G. M. Merz,													†Besides this amount $24 78 were forwarded to Rev. J. Z. Senderling, the General Agent for Foreign missions.
" W. G. Mennig,	4	79	51	437	47		3	1 06		†$70 28	**$16 00		**From the children of the Sunday School in Pottsville.
" C. F. Stœver,													From the Pottsville cong. $77 31 " Schuylkill Haven " 19 50 " Middleport " 9 35 " Minersville " 4 90
" A. T. Geissenhainer,	1	57	11	202		1		2 00	12 00				
" J. F. Wilken,													
" J. Vogelbach,								5 00	92 00				
" C. A. Hay,	1	52	65	369	35		3	5 00	100 00	33 12		77 00	
" E. A. Bauer,	7	139	109	900	70	2	6	2 00	28 84				
" F. A. M. Keller,	4	170	82	505	53		4	1 00	30 00				
" C. F. F. Sallman,	4	118	30	403	59		1						
" E. L. Erle,	3	38	44	220	6	4							
" A. G. Georgii,	5	55	15	150	24								
" C. G. A. Neuman,													
" John Kohler,	1	4	12	120	15		1	5 00	10 00			6 00	
" Charles Rees,	7	82	18	342	37	1	3	4 00	4 00	4 00		4 00	
" Nathan Jæger,	5	97	83	985	46		4	2 50	18 89	45 43			
" J. C. Schmidt,	7	76	20	655	20		6		7 00				
" Aug. Bergner,	5	106	68	936	72	3	3	1 00	2 00				
" Chris. Popp,													
" F. Walz,	7	62	37	724	29	1	4	2 28	18 00				
" W. Weaver,	2												
" L. Heydenreich,													
" H. Garlichs,										14 00			
" C. M. Jæger,													
" S. K. Brobst,	2	40		66	15		2	1 00	10 00				
" G. F. Miller,	3	82	73	796	48		3	2 50	37 50				
" G. F. Krotel,	1	96	47	636	66		3	10 00	205 00				
" R. S. Wagner,	6	100	75	512	44		5		5 00				

Rev. Th. T. Jæger,	7	147	73	900	59		8	$1 00		*$53 10				*Meyerstown congregation $27 50 Reed's " 13 50 Bellerman's " 12 10 †Of this Sum $21 00 were contributed by the Sunday School.
" J. H. Menges,	1	55	14	114	52		1	1 00	2 00	2 00	$2 00	†$31 00		
" J. Clemens Miller,														
" W. G. Laitzle,	1	45	24	213	22		2	2 00	5 00	5 00				
" B. M. Schmucker,	1	13			3									
" Julius Ehrhard,	5	106	20	690	42	1	3	2 00	20 00					
" G. A. Hinterleitner,	6	87	56	690	41		4	2 00	36 30		*8 00			*From the Kutztown Sunday-School.
" J. F. Hornberger,														
" S. R. Boyer,	6	62	95	734	20		8	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00		
" J. Weinmann,	1	222	59	1100	96		3		10 00		20 00			
" G. J. Simon,														
" David M. Henkel,														
" J. J. Riemensnyder,														
" A. S. Link,*	3	11	19	406	11		1		25 00	23 65				*This report is only for 7 months.
" A. Rueter,														
" W. Rath,	6	174	55	1307	81		2	2 00	*16 00					*Cherryville congregation $6 00. Moore's " 10 00.
" J. S. Crumbach,	1	19	6	150	10		1	1 00				4 00		Collection at the annual Missionary Anniversary $3 25.
" Benj. W. Schmauk,	1	134	26	494	36		1	5 00	52 00	2 00				
" G. F. Gærtner,	2	31	8	162	18		1	1 00	2 00	5 00				
" Geo. Hains,	3	12	55	270	15		1	5 00	6 00			5 44		
" F. A. Muhlenberg,														
" J. W. Hossler,										4 25				
" Edw. A. Scharretts,	4	27	70	205	38		2	1 85	4 25			8 40		
Cand. C. F. Baer,														
" Ferd. Berkemeyer,														
" Wm. Dœrnbach,	1	5												
" H. Vosseler,*	1	49		100	21		1	2 00	7 00					
" J. H. C. Schierenbeck,	1	40	10	233	16									

No. 2. Alphabetical Register of the Ministers belonging to the Synod, together with their Post Offices and Congregations.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	Cgr	NAMES OF THE CONGREGATIONS.
Albert, Jacob	Stone church, Northampton county,	3	Upper Mt. Bethel and Lower Mt. Bethel, Branch church.
Bætis, W., Senior Min.	Lancaster, Pa		No charge.
Bær, C. F.	Lancaster,		
Bahl, J.	Berwick, Columbia county,	8	Briar creek, Mifflin, Orangeville, Salem, Beaver, Cattawissa valley, Nescopeck, Heidley's.
Bauer, E. A.	Lehighton, Carbon county,	7	West Penn, East Penn, Mahoning, Weissport, St. John's, Pennsville, and Lynntown.
Baker, J. C., D. D.	Philadelphia	1	St. Luke, (English.)
Bergner, A.	Greenbriar, Northumberland county,	5	Himmel's, Peter's, Simon's, St. Paul's, and St. John's.
Berkemeyer, F.	Alloway's town, N. J.,	1	Friesburg, Salem county, N. J.
Boyer, S. R.	McEwensville,	6	McEwensville, Paradise, Turbetville, Washingtonville, River, and Messiah.
Brobst, S. K.	Allentown, Pa.	2	Editor of the "Jugendfreund."
Crumbach, J. S.	Lancaster, Lancaster county,	1	St. John's.
Demme, C. R., D. D.	Philadelphia	1	St. Michael's, Zion's, and St. Paul's church—one congregation.
Dœrnbach, W.	New-Germany, N. Y.	1	New Germany, N. J.
Eggers, L. G	Stauchsburg, Berks county,	4	Tulpehockon, Rœhrersburg, Newmanstown, and Mill Creek.
Eh hard, Julius	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county,	5	Jerusalem's near Schuylkill Haven, Zion's in Pottsville, Zion's in West Brunswick, Salem in
Erle, C. L.	Cherry, Sullivan county,	3	Zion's, Frieden's, St. John's. [Wayne, and St Clair
Eyer, W. J.	Cattawissa, Columbia county,	6	Cattawissa, St. Matthew's, Roaring creek, Fisher's, Mahoning, New Columbia.
Fuchs, A.	Bath, Northampton county,	5	Bath, St. John, Plainfield, Union, Emanuel's.
Gærtner, Geo. F.	Manayunk, Philadelphia,	2	Manayunk and Germantown.
Geissenhainer, F. W.	No. 76 East 14th Street, New York,	1	New York.
Geissenhainer, A. T	Trenton, N. J.	1	Trinity.
Georgii, A. G.	Tuscarora,	4	Tuscarora, Middleport, Lewistown, and Port Carbon.
Hains, G.	Hummelstown, Dauphin county,	3	Hummelstown, Hill church, and Union Deposit.
Hay, C. A.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1	Zion, (English.)
Henkel, D. M.	Stewartsville, N. J.,	1	Stewartsville, N. J.
Heydenreich, Louis.	Bethlehem, Northampton county,		No charge.
Hinterleitner, G. A.	Kutztown, Berks county,	6	Kutztown, New Jerusalem, Lobachville, Friedensburg, Oley, and Pricetown.
Hoffman, John N.	Reading, Berks county,	1	Trinity, Reading.
Horneberger, J. F.	Longvalley, Monroe county,	3	Chestnut Hill, Ross, Jerusalem.
Hossler, John W.	Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, N. Y.	1	Rhinebeck.
Jæger, G. F, J.	Hamburg, Berks county,	8	Hamburg, Frieden's, St Paul, Bethel, St. Peter's, Zion-Bethel, New-Jerusalem, and New-Bethel.
Jæger, Joshua	Allentown, Pa.	5	Christ, Friedens, Jerusalem, &c.
Jæger, T. T.	Womelsdorf, Berks county	7	Bellerman's, North Heidelberg, New Heidelberg, Reeds, Schumakerville, St. Daniels, and Zion's.
Jæger, N.	New Hanover, Montgomery county,	5	Falkoner Swamp, Boyerstown, Sassaman's, Kieler's, and Hill.
Jæger, C. M.	Reading, Berks county,		No charge.
Kæmmerer, W. B.	Richlandtown, Bucks county, Pa.	6	Flattland, Hilltown, Ridgeroad, Bedminster, Williamstown in Northampton county, Zion in
Keller, B.	Philadelphia, No. 518 N. 6th St.	2	St. James and Immanne's [Bucks county.
Keller, F. A. M.	Reading, Berks county,	5	St. James, Reading; Robeson, St. James, Geiger'stown, Christ.
Kohler, J.	New Holland, Lancaster county,	1	New Holland.
Krotel, G. F.	Lancaster, Lancaster county,	1	Holy Trinity church, Lancaster.
Laitzle, G. W.	Elizabethtown, Lancaster county,	3	Elizabethtown, Bainbridge, and Hill.
Link, A. S.	Trappe, Montgomery county,	3	Augustus, Jerusalem, and Christ.
Luebkert, Ernst	Richmond, Va.	1	Richmond, Va.

Mann, W. J.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1	(See Dr. Demme's Report.) Second minister in the same congregation.
Mealy, S. A.	Canton, Stark county, Ohio		No congregation.
Medtart, J.	Blue Bell, Montgomery county,	2	St. John in Whitpain and St. Peter's.
Merz, G. M.	Chambersburg, Pa.		
Miller, G. F.	Pottstown, Montgomery county,	3	Pottstown, Amity, Limerick.
Miller, H. S.	Lebanon, Lebanon county,	1	Salem's Church, Lebanon.
Miller, J. Clemens	St. Louis, Mo.		
Miller, C. P.	Bucksville, Bucks county,	4	Nockamixon, Durham, Springfield, Tinicum.
Mennig, G. W.	Pottsville, Schuylkill county,	4	Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven, Minersville and Middleport.
Menges, J. H.	Columbia, Lancaster county,	1	Columbia. (English.)
Muhlenberg, F. A.	Gettysburg, Adams county,		Professor in Pennsylvania College in Gettysburg, Pa.
Neuman, C. G. A.	Upper Mahantongo, Schuylkill county.	7	Klinger's, Deepcreek, Little Mahony, Hochwærter's, Miller's, &c.
Peixoto, E.	Tylersport, Montgomery county,	3	Old Goschenhoppen, Indianfield, Tohickon.
Popp, C. A. F.	St. Louis, Mo.		
Reichert, G. A.	Kittanning, Armstrong county.	2	Pastor emeritus of St. Michael's and Zion's congregation, Philadelphia and 2 in Armstrong Co.
Riemensnyder, J. J	Milton,		No charge.
Rœler, I.	Kutztown, Berks county,	8	Mosilom, Coxtown, Merztown, Maxatawny, Hereford, Mertz, Jacobs, &c.
Rees, C.	Brickersville, Lancaster county,	7	Emanuel's, Whiteoak, Manheim, Muddy creek, Swamp, New Ephrata, Kisselhill.
Rath, W.	Cherryville, Northampton county.	6	Cherryville, Stone Church, Moore, New Moore, Towamensing, and Washington.
Rueter, Adelbert,	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county,	4	Orwigsburg, Friedensburg, McKeansburg, Little Schuylkill.
Sallman, C. F. F.	Conyngham, Luzerne county,	3	Conyngham, Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre.
Schæffer, C. F., D. D.	Easton, Pa.	1	Easton, St. John's.
Schæffer, C. W.	Germantown, Pa.	2	Germantown, St. Michael's.
Schindel, J.	South Whitehall, Lehigh county,	8	Jordan, Trexlerstown, Ziegel, Union, Weissenburg, Heidelberg, Fogelsville & South Whitehall.
Schmidt, J. C.	Beraville, Berks county,	7	St. Michael's, North Kill, Christ, Kissinger's, Sinking Spring, Rererstburg, Millerstown.
Schmucker, B. M.	Allentown, Lehigh county,	1	Allentown, (English.)
Schulz, G.	Williamsport, Lycoming county,	4	Emanuel, Nippenose, Trinity, Newburg.
Schierenbeck, J. H. C.	Buchanan, Alleghany county, Pa.	1	Birmingham, Alleghany county.
Schmauck, Benj. W.	Lancaster, Pa.	2	Zion's, Lancaster.
Simon, G. J.	Boston, Mass.		
Scharretts, E. A.	Bloomsburg, Columbia county,	4	Bloomsburg, Epsytown, Mifflinville, Briar creek.
Stecher, H. G.	Hummelstown, Dauphin county,		No charge.
Stein, J.	Jonestown, Lebanon county,	7	Zion in Jonestown, Salem's, Wahmer's—Zion in Hanover, &c.
Strein, J. J.	Lancaster, Pa.	5	Strassburg, Columbia, Conestoga, Centre and Manor School House.
Stœver, C. F.	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county,	1	Schup's.
Trumbauer, S.	Leacock, Lancaster county,	5	Zion, Centre, Bergstrass, Reamstown and Voganville.
Vogelbach, J.	Allentown, Lehigh county,	5	Allentown, Milford, Upper and Lower Saucon, Salzburg.
Vosseler, H.	Harrisburg, Dauphin county.	1	St. Michael's, Harrisburg.
Wagner, R. S.	Reading, Pa	6	Elsass, Schwarzwald, Alleghany, Epler's, Gernant's, St. John.
Walz, F.	Berrysburg, Dauphin county,	7	St. John, St. Peter's, &c.
Wenzel, G. A.	Philadelphia,	1	Third Minister of St. Michael's and Zion's.
Welden, C. F.	Bethlehem, Northampton county,	4	Salem in Bethlehem, Trinity, St. Thomas and Arndt's.
Weaver, W.	Phœnixville, Pa.	2	St. Peter's and Zion's Chester county.
Weinmann, John	Baltimore, Md.	1	Trinity Church, Baltimore.
Wilken, J. F.	Wartburg, Morgan county, East Ten.	1	Wartburg.

NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of the Education Society of the "German Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States," have instructed me, to request the Brethren to hold collections for this Society in their respective Congregations, and to forward as soon as possibly the funds to the Treasurer, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, of Germantown. Many destitute Students have petitioned —some of themselves, and others through friends, for aid, in order that they may be enabled to prosecute their studies. We trust that the Church will not fail to furnish sufficient funds for the granting of their request.

JOHN C. BAKER,
Chairman of the Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, August 13th, A. D. 1855.

ERRATA.— On page 12, in the 31st line from the top, read "when" instead of where.
" 14, in the 25th and 29th lines from the top, read "altar" instead of alter.
" 17, in the 24th line from the top, read "Schmucker" instead of Schmauck.